

WAC 392-121-182 Alternative learning experience requirements.

(1) **Scope.** This section applies solely to school districts and charter schools claiming state funding pursuant to WAC 392-121-107 for an alternative learning experience.

(2) **Requirements.** A school district or charter school must meet the requirements of this section and chapter 392-550 WAC to count an alternative learning experience as a course of study pursuant to WAC 392-121-107.

(3) **Student eligibility.** A student enrolled in an alternative learning experience course must meet the following conditions:

(a) The student must meet the definition of an enrolled student under WAC 392-121-106;

(b) The student is enrolled in grades K-12;

(c) The student must not meet any of the enrollment exclusions in WAC 392-121-108;

(d) The student's residence must be in Washington state as provided in WAC 392-137-115; and

(e) For students whose residence is not located in the school district providing an alternative learning experience course (nonresident student), the district must:

(i) Document the school district in which the nonresident student's residence is located;

(ii) Establish procedures that address, at a minimum, the coordination of student counting for state funding so that no enrolled student is counted for more than one full-time equivalent in the aggregate. The procedure must include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) When a resident district and one or more nonresident district(s) will each be claiming basic education funding for a student in the same month or months, the districts must execute a written agreement that at minimum identifies the maximum aggregate basic education funding each district may claim for the duration of the agreement. A nonresident district may not claim funding for a student until after the effective date of the agreement.

(B) When a district is providing alternative learning experiences to nonresident students under the school choice enrollment provisions of RCW 28A.225.200 through 28A.225.230 and chapter 392-137 WAC, the district may not claim funding for the student until after a release transfer is completed by the resident district and the nonresident serving district.

(4) **Enrollment count dates.**

(a) Alternative learning experience enrollment is claimed based on the monthly count dates as defined in WAC 392-121-119.

(b) For alternative learning experience programs that end prior to June 1st, the June enrollment count date may be the last school day in May and include students whose written student learning plan pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(1) has an ending date that is the last school day in May.

(c) Graduating alternative learning experience students whose last school day is in May may be included in the June enrollment count if the following conditions are met:

(i) The alternative learning experience program calendar identifies that the last day of school for the graduating students is in May; and

(ii) The student's written student learning plan pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(1) includes an end date that is the last day of school for graduating students in May.

(5) Reporting of student enrollment.

(a) For the first time a student's alternative learning experience enrollment is claimed for state funding, the following requirements must be met:

(i) A completed written student learning plan pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(1) is in place with a start date that is before the monthly count day; and

(ii) There is documented evidence of student participation as required by WAC 392-121-106(4).

(b) On subsequent monthly count dates, a student's alternative learning experience course(s) can be claimed for state funding if the following requirements are met:

(i) A completed written student learning plan pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(1) is in place on the monthly count date;

(ii) The contact requirement pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(2) was met in the prior month;

(iii) The monthly progress evaluation requirement pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(3) was met in the prior month; and

(iv) If the monthly progress evaluation showed unsatisfactory progress, the intervention plan requirement pursuant to WAC 392-550-025(4) is met.

(c) Students must be excluded from the monthly count including students who have not had contact with a certificated teacher for 20 consecutive school days. Any such student must be excluded from the monthly count until the student has met with a certificated teacher and resumed participation in their alternative learning experience or is participating in another course of study as defined in WAC 392-121-107.

(d) The student count must exclude students who as of the enrollment count date have completed the requirements of the written student learning plan prior to ending date specified in the plan and who have not had a new written student learning plan established with a new beginning and ending date that encompasses the count date.

(6) Student full-time equivalency.

(a) The full-time equivalency of students enrolled in alternative learning experiences is based on the estimated average weekly hours of learning activity described in the written student learning plan.

(b) Pursuant to WAC 392-121-122, 27 hours and 45 minutes each week (1,665 weekly minutes) equal one full-time equivalent.

(c) Enrollment of part-time alternative learning experience students is subject to the provisions of chapter 392-134 WAC and generates a pro rata share of full-time funding based on the estimated average weekly minutes of learning activity described in the written student learning plan divided by 1,665 weekly minutes.

(d) Kindergarten students claimed for more than a 0.50 full-time equivalent must meet the state-funded full-day kindergarten requirements, as provided for in RCW 28A.150.315.

(e) The full-time equivalent limitations outlined in WAC 392-121-136 and the nonstandard school year limitations outlined in WAC 392-121-123 apply to alternative learning enrollment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.072 and 28A.150.290. WSR 24-14-074, § 392-121-182, filed 6/28/24, effective 7/29/24. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.232 RCW and RCW 28A.232.030. WSR 20-15-062, § 392-121-182, filed 7/10/20, effective 8/10/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290, 28A.710.220, 28A.232.010, and 28A.150.315. WSR 18-19-040, § 392-121-182, filed 9/13/18, effective 10/14/18; WSR 18-10-045, §

392-121-182, filed 4/26/18, effective 5/27/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290 and 28A.710.220. WSR 15-18-078, § 392-121-182, filed 8/28/15, effective 9/28/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290. WSR 15-03-056, § 392-121-182, filed 1/14/15, effective 2/14/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290(1). WSR 13-22-076, § 392-121-182, filed 11/5/13, effective 12/6/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.305. WSR 12-17-107, § 392-121-182, filed 8/20/12, effective 9/20/12. Statutory Authority: 2011 c 34 § 2(5). WSR 11-17-147, § 392-121-182, filed 8/24/11, effective 9/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.305. WSR 11-12-022, § 392-121-182, filed 5/24/11, effective 9/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290. WSR 09-06-038, § 392-121-182, filed 2/25/09, effective 3/28/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290 and 2005 c 356. WSR 05-13-154, § 392-121-182, filed 6/21/05, effective 7/22/05. Statutory Authority: 1997 c 265 § 6 and RCW 28A.150.290. WSR 99-08-008 (Order 99-01), § 392-121-182, filed 3/25/99, effective 4/25/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290. WSR 95-18-097, § 392-121-182, filed 9/6/95, effective 10/7/95; WSR 95-01-013, § 392-121-182, filed 12/8/94, effective 1/8/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290, 28A.150.250 and 28A.150.260. WSR 91-02-096 (Order 50), § 392-121-182, filed 1/2/91, effective 2/2/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.41.055 and 28A.41.170. WSR 88-03-013 (Order 88-8), § 392-121-182, filed 1/11/88.]