

*PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ACADEMY  
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## Philomath School District Alternative Education Academy Guidelines

**Mission:** To provide alternative education offerings/settings for students that do not/cannot fit into a traditional high school program.

**Purpose:** To work in conjunction with the Philomath School District to provide non-traditional students with an opportunity to complete coursework on-line, in a college classroom, during the summer, or in a non-traditional setting in order to meet PSD graduation requirements.

### How does it work?

- Philomath Alternative Education Academy offers online courses to all school aged children grades K – 12. During the school year, there is no charge for a course if the course is part of the student's regular schedule credit allocation. Courses are available on a tuition basis for students who wish to go beyond their regular schedule allocation (\$175 per half credit, checks payable to Philomath School District).
- Students who are self-directed have been the most successful in an online format.
- Courses are designed to be completed within a traditional term.
- Enrollees are typically non-traditional students: i.e. courses only available at college level, courses not available within the Philomath School District, home schooled, school phobic, pregnant, extended medical issue, in need of special academic placement, or as an alternative to suspension or expulsion.
- Students enroll in the program with the recommendation of parent, school counselor, principal, or the district superintendent.
- School guidance counselors meet with the student to design the student's specific program.
- The PSDAEA works with the parent(s), school counselor, and teachers to match student educational needs and will place students in the best setting to enhance learning, whether it be community college, on-line, or other source.
- Students must provide their own transportation to the Alternative Education Academy or specified location of coursework.
- Students attending the onsite Academy must attend all classroom sessions, and successfully complete a minimum of 6 hours per week - per course (until complete) before credit will be awarded.
- Student's progress is monitored weekly, and if it is determined that adequate progress is not being met, students will be removed from their online course.
- Students need to be able to work independently on the rigorous coursework.
- Students have the benefit of counseling and job placement if appropriate.

- The Alternative Education Academy reserves the right to remove a student due to attendance, unruly behavior, or failure to comply with the rules of the PSDAEA.
1. If a student is removed from the AEA or fails to complete the prescribed coursework within the prescribed time, parents/students will be charged the cost for the course. The cost for the course is \$50 per uncompleted unit. Most courses contain six (6) units per half-credit.