

Alternative Education Program

The RSU 26 Board of Directors recognizes that there are students with the potential to complete their secondary education who are not having success in the traditional school setting. Some students require teaching and learning which is student-centered, where school success is measured by both academic and social/emotional performance, and where strong positive bonds are built that allow staff to support yet challenge all learners to explore their passions, and reach their full potential.

Referral to the alternative program may be made by school personnel, by parent or guardian, or by an adult-age student. To be considered for the alternative education program, a student must complete an application and interview prior to January of the year of graduation. Acceptance into the alternative education program will be determined by a committee to include the CORE teaching staff, an Orono High School administrator and a school counselor. Appeals may be made in writing to the Superintendent. Decisions of the Superintendent are final. Upon a student's acceptance, the team will develop a Personalized Learning Plan with the student and parent or guardian(s) outlining academic coursework required for graduation, post-secondary plans, and areas for personal improvement.

Students in any grade (9-12) are eligible to participate in the alternative education program. Any student who meets the graduation requirements of the alternative education program will receive an Orono High School diploma.

Minimum credits and course requirements for an Alternative Education program are outlined below. Our requirements are as follows:

English 4 credits
 Math 2 credits
 Social Studies 2 credits
 Science 2 credits
 Fine Arts 1 credit
 Health 0.5 credit
 PE 1 credit
 Career Prep .5 credits
 Electives 7.0 credits.

TOTAL 20

Coursework for students enrolled in Orono High School's alternative education program may include, but is not limited to, any combination of the following: teacher-designed courses, online courses and independent studies, coursework through UTC or an approved post-secondary school, internships, and other pathways allowed by law (such as 20-A MRSA §4722).

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