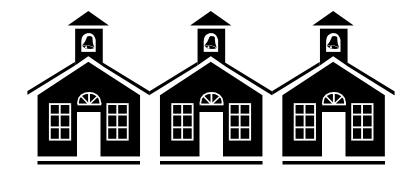
Alternative Education Census of Oregon



Thank you for choosing to complete this mail-out/mail-back questionnaire to help develop the first comprehensive database of Oregon's alternative programs and schools serving at-risk middle and high school students.

Only a professional educator like you knows your program's characteristics, instructional practices, and students you serve. For reasons like these, your participation in this study is essential – each school and program must be represented. If another person in you program/school can better provide the information needed, please let us know to whom you have passed the questionnaire in an email to osrl2@oregon.uoregon.edu.

Please put this questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope and mail to us no later than **June 20**th. We will send you some friendly reminders if we do not receive it back in a few weeks. If you decide that a telephone interview might use your time best, please do not hesitate to contact us to set up an appointment with a professional interviewer from the University of Oregon Survey Research Laboratory: 541-346-0820.

We want to assure you that this census is completely confidential and, of course, completely voluntary. No person, school, or program will be identifiable. The ID number on this questionnaire is strictly to let us to check your school or program off the list when we hear back from you.

This census will establish awareness of alternative education in Oregon and allow us to describe these essential institutions in a fair and equitable manner in another era of budget cuts.

As a thank-you for participating, you may receive a copy of the study's summary results by contacting the Project Coordinator: Miriam Waintrup, College of Education, University of Oregon 97405; 541-346-1471; email miriamw@oregon.uoregon.edu.

If you have any questions about this study, please do not hesitate to contact us or UO's Human Subjects Compliance Office: 541-346-5131.

Thank you sincerely for sharing your time for this study.

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TO BEGIN, PLEASE ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GENERAL NATURE OF YOUR PROGRAM/SCHOOL.

	GENERAL NATURE OF YOUR PROGRAM/SCI	100L.	
1.	Would you characterize it as a program or as check one box to the right of the category indicated Program 1 School 1 Other 1	ting yoı	ır answer.
2.	When was your program/school established?	Year	
3.	Would you characterize your program/school	as	
	a. an in-district alternativeb. a private alternative	Yes	No □ 2 □ 2
	c. special education self-containedd. correctional/detentione. based in a mental health facility that operates		2 2
	as a day- or residential-treatment program f. a high school completion program that operates within a community college		
4.	What grade levels does your program/school s		_ 2
	a. Middle school level [grades 6 to 8]b. High school level [grades 9 to 12]c. Other (please specify)	Yes I I I I	No
5.	Where is your program/school located?		
	 a. Public school campus b. Community college campus c. Community site apart from a public school d. Other (please specify)	ol setting	<u> </u>

6.	What is your average yearly expenditure per student?			
		\$		
7.		(Average Daily ed to?		
	a.	large group instruction	%	
		intermediate group instruction	%	
	c.	small group instruction	%	
		tutorial or individual instruction	%	
8.		ow much of your budget comes from each of the fources? Please mark the box to the right of your response.	_	
	a.	federal source 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□	1 80-100%□	
	b.	state education monies 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□	80-100%	
	c.	state monies from social service agencies 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□	80-100%	
	d.	local or county education monies $0\%\Box$ 1-19 $\%\Box$ 20-39 $\%\Box$ 40-59 $\%\Box$ 60-79 $\%\Box$	80-100%	
	e.	local or county social service monies $0\%\Box$ 1-19% \Box 20-39% \Box 40-59% \Box 60-79% \Box	80-100%	
	f.	private funds/corporate donations or grants $0\%\Box$ 1-19%\overline{-1} 20-39\%\overline{-1} 40-59\%\overline{-1} 60-79\%\overline{-1}	80-100%	
B	•	NEXT, PLEASE ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT TEACHERS AND STAFF YOUR PROGRAM/SCHOOL Please answer <u>each</u> question.		
1.	Ho	ow many teachers		
		do you currently employ full-time?	#	
	b.	do you currently employ part-time?	#	
	c.	do you have for a total FTE now?	#	
	(In	$questions\ B1d-B1k,\ please\ include\ all\ teachers,\ full\ c$	and part-time.)	
	d.	does the Teachers Standards and Practices Commiss		
		(TSPC) certify at the middle and high school level?	#	
	e.	does TSPC certify to teach special education?	#	

1.	How many teachers (continued)	5.	Turning to administrators in your program/school, how m	any
	f. have a provisional license from TSPC? #		a. are currently employed full-time?	<u>-</u>
	g. are <u>not</u> certified by TSPC? #		b. are currently employed part-time?	<u> </u>
	h. have a Master's degree?		c. are certified by TSPC altogether? (full and part-time) #	<u> </u>
	i. are male? #		d. have a provisional license from TSPC? #	<u> </u>
	j. are female? #		e. are not certified by TSPC?	<u> </u>
	k. are from cultural or ethnic minority groups? #		f. are male? #	<u> </u>
2.	How many years of experience in education do your teachers		g. are female?	!
	average? (Check one only; your best estimate is fine.)		h. are from a cultural or ethnic minority group? #	<u>:</u>
	0-3 years \square 4-6 years \square 7-10 years \square More than 10 years \square	TH	HE NEXT QUESTIONS COVER THE ENTIRE STAFF.	
3.	Next, please answer a few questions about educational aides employed by your program/school. How many aides are (<i>Please answer <u>each question.</u></i>)		Overall, would you say that staff turnover from year-to-ye your program/school is high, medium, or low?	ar in
	a. currently employed full-time? #		High $\square \mapsto Please \ skip \ to \ question \ B9$	
	b. currently employed part-time? #		Medium $\square 2 \rightarrow Please \ skip \ to \ question \ B9$	
	c. in your total FTE now? #		Low $\square : \rightarrow Please \ skip \ to \ question \ B7$	
	d. male? #		No turnover $\square \longrightarrow Please \ skip \ to \ question \ B7$	
	e. female? #	7	• •	
	f. from cultural or ethnic minority groups? #	7.	Why do you think staff turnover is low? Is it due to? Yes	No
4.	Do you have counselors, mental health staff, or social workers on staff at your program/school?		a. staff salaries and benefits \Box_I	\square_2
	• •		b. flexible curricula and program structure \Box	\square 2
	Yes \square_1 No $\square_2 \rightarrow Please \ skip \ to \ question \ B5$		c. wanting to work with at-risk students \Box	\square_2
	How many of these staff members are (Please answer <u>each</u> question.)		d. staff mobility limited by lack of certification or	_
	a. currently employed full-time? #		license \square_I	<u>2</u>
	b. currently employed part-time? #		e. cohesive associations among staff and program \Box	\square_2
	c. contracted for service?		f. stable funding arrangements from your contractors \Box	2
	d. certified by TSPC as school counselors?		g. other \square_I	\square 2
	e. licensed MSWs (Master's of Social Work)? #		Please specify	
	f. licensed psychologists? #	0		
	g. qualified mental health professionals? #	8.	Of those you checked "yes", which one would you say is	
	h. male? #		the most important reason that staff turnover is low?	
	i. female? #		Record the letter from question B7, then please skip to see	ction C.
	j. from cultural or ethnic minority groups? #			

9.	Why you think staff turnover is high (or medium Is it due to? a. staff salaries and benefits b. difficult students c. curricular concerns	Yes	No		s. Computer education t. Foreign language u. Other		
10.	 d. unstable program funding e. lack of cohesion among the staff and program f. other Please specify: Of those you checked "yes", which one would yo important reason that staff turnover is high (or reason) 	u say is	2 2 2 2 the most	2.	Which of the following support services and so your program/school provide students? a. Alcohol and drug education b. Gang intervention and prevention c. Individual/group counseling d. Social skill training	Yes I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	No 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
C	Record letter from B9, then please continuous In this question group, we turn to the continuous services your program/school offers services.	ue with	section C. JLA AND TS.		e. Family counselingf. Day care servicesg. Homeless support and assistanceh. Medical screening and servicesi. Mentoring and advocacy		$ \begin{array}{c} $
1.	Which of the following instructional components program/school offer to students? a. Language arts b. Science c. Math	Yes I I I I I	No □ 2 □ 2 □ 2	3.	 j. Transition services v. Other Please specify: With which community agencies does your presented to provide the provided to provided the provided to p		
	 d. Social studies e. Work experience opportunities, either paid or not f. Teen parent instruction g. Service learning h. Theme-based learning i. ESL (English as a second language) j. Title I k. Special education l. Personal finance m. Adult basic education n. Multi-cultural education o. GED (general equivalency diploma) p. Music q. Physical education. 		☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2 ☐ 2		close working relationship? a. Mental health b. Welfare c. Job Training Partnership Act Programs or Work Incentive Act Boards d. Community college e. Vocational rehabilitation f. Probation and parole g. Alcohol and drug treatment h. Family and advocacy groups i. Faith based organizations j. Family homeless shelters k. Runaway shelter w. Other	Yes	No
	r. Art		<u> </u>		↓ Please specify:	_ <i>1</i>	_ 2

D	NEXT, WE TURN TO STUDENTS, STARTING FIRST WITH ANY SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IN YOUR PROGRAM/SCHOOL.					
1. D	oes your (program/school) have any special ed	ucation students?				
Y	es $\bigcup_{l} I$ No $\bigcup_{l} 2 \rightarrow Please \ skip \ to \ section \ E.$					
	oes any on-site staff provide case management lucation students in your program/school?	for special				
Y	es $\bigcup_{j=1}^{n} I$ No $\bigcup_{j=1}^{n} 2 \rightarrow Please continue with question$	on D3.				
	2.a. What is their caseload size? #					
	o staff who are <u>not</u> employed by your program our special education student caseload?	n/school manage				
Y	es $\bigcup_{j=1}^{n} I$ No $\bigcup_{j=1}^{n} 2 \rightarrow Please continue with section$	E.				
	3.a. What is their caseload size? #					
E	PLEASE ANSWER THIS GROUP OF QUESTIONS ABOUT ALL STUDENTS IN YOUR PROGRAM/SO					
1. <u>L</u>	ast year (2001-02), how many students					
a.	a. did your program/school enroll altogether? #					
	b. were below 12 years of age? #					
	c. were 12 to 14 years of age? #					
d	d were 15 to 16 years of age?					

e. were 17 to 18 years of age?f. were 19 to 21 years of age?

a.	do you	enroll?				#
	are ma					#
	are fem					#
d.	have a	special edu	cation disat	oility?		#
W	hat per	cent of you	ır current s	tudents are	·?.	
a.			r ethnic min 20-39%□			80-100%
b.	ESL? 0%□	1-19%	20-39%	40-59%□	60-79%□	80-100%
c.		themselve $1-19\%\Box$	es? 20-39%□	40-59%□	60-79%□	80-100%
d.	subsid	lized housii	oublic assistang, general a 20-39%	ssistance, V	VIC, etc.	
e.			vho have ret 20-39%□			80-100%
f.			ecause they 20-39%□			
g.			students on 20-39%□			
h.		oation or pa 1-19%□	arole 20-39%□	40-59%□	60-79%□	80-100%
i.		_	e county me 20-39%		~ .	80-100%
Last year (2001-02 school year), what was the typical student's average length of enrollment in your program/school?						

_ months

2. <u>Currently</u>, how many students ...

3.

4.

5.	Please estimate the percentage of students who came to your program/school from certain previous placements last year (2001-02). Please mark the box to the <u>right</u> of your response.	10. This question group refers to students who graduated from your program/school last year (2001-02). How many of your graduates last year were awarded
	What percentage of your students came from?	a. a regular diploma with CIM? #
	a. a traditional public school	b. a regular diploma without a CIM? #
	0% ☐ 1-19% ☐ 20-39% ☐ 40-59% ☐ 60-79% ☐ 80-100% ☐	c. a modified diploma? #
	b. another alternative school or program.	d. a GED? #
	0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100%	e. an ABE? #
	c. private or parochial school. 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□ 80-100%□	11. Last year (2001-02), did any of your students leave or were any terminated partway through the year?
	d. a charter school.	Yes \square_1 No $\square_2 \rightarrow Please$ skip to question E13.
	$0\%\Box$ 1-19%\Bigci 20-39%\Bigci 40-59%\Bigci 60-79%\Bigci 80-100\Wighthat{\text{\text{0}}}	12. Of those students who left your program/school or were
	e. home schooling. 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□ 80-100%□	terminated last year, how many departed because a. they were not making academic progress? #
	f. a correctional facility	b. of a change of academic placement? #
	0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100%	c. of a family/life crisis?
	g. a mental health facility. $0\%\Box$ 1-19%\Box 20-39%\Dox 40-59%\Dox 60-79%\Dox 80-100%\Dox	d. of moving away from area? #
		e. of noncompliance with school policy? #
6.	What percentage of your students were not in school at all before	f. of incarceration? #
	they came to you last year?	g. for other reasons? #
	0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100%	↓ <i>Please specify</i> :
7.	What percentage of your students came from another type of placement?	13. Whether they graduated, left, or were terminated – where did students go after they left your program/school last year? Please
	0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100%	estimate what percentage went to
	What types of placements were those?	a. a traditional public school setting 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□ 80-100%□
8.	Last year, what was your students' average attendance rate?	b. another alternative program 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□ 80-100%□
	rate	c. a community college 0%□ 1-19%□ 20-39%□ 40-59%□ 60-79%□ 80-100%□
9.	Did any students graduate from your program/school last year?	d. a four-year college
	Yes \square_I No $\square_2 \rightarrow Please skip to question E11$	0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100%

13.	What percentage of students last year? (continued) e. dropped out of school 0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100% f. went to work 0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100% g. went to other kinds of placements or programs 0% 1-19% 20-39% 40-59% 60-79% 80-100% If any, please specify those other types of programs or placements:	We might conduct further research on this topic. If we do, may we contact you again? We assure you that neither your name nor the name of your program or school will ever be associated with your answers. Yes \(\scale \) No \(\scale \) 2 Is there anything you would like to add? (Feel free to attach additional sheets.)
F	PLEASE CONCLUDE WITH YOUR OPINIONS OF YOUR PROGRAM /SCHOOL. In your opinion, what is your program's/school's one greatest strength?	
2.	If there were one thing you could change or improve about the program/school, what would it be?	Thank you for taking the time to answer this survey. OREGON SURVEY RESEARCH LABORATORY 5245 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON EUGENE OR 97403-5245 TELEPHONE: 541-346-0824 FAX: 541-346-0388 EMAIL: osrl2@oregon.uoregon.edu