

Data Collection: Alternative Learning Experience

Action Required for Data Collection

In accordance with statute, each school district and LEA that claimed Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) enrollment for state funding during SY 2025–26 are required to submit ALE Year End Reports to OSPI by **August 31, 2026**. By submitting this once for each ALE program, a district/LEA meets the statutory requirements. Districts/LEAs should ensure the submission is completed by individuals with knowledge of ALE programming.

Instructions

For those who subscribe to the Learning Options newsletter, or who submitted this collection last year, instructions were emailed in May. Instructions are also posted on the [ALE webpage](#).

Key Dates

- **Collection opens:** May 1, 2026
- **Submission deadline:** August 31, 2026

Additional Information

- One report should be submitted for each ALE program. Submission confirms compliance with reporting requirements specified in [Revised Code of Washington 28A.232.010](#) and [Washington Administrative Code 392-550-060](#).
- This data collection opens in the spring, allowing time for staff to complete the collection before end-of-school-year transitions and summer break. Please submit this collection as soon as possible.
- Districts/LEAs should ensure the submission is completed by individuals with knowledge of ALE programming.
- Please ensure that staff responsible for ALE are aware of this collection and the timeline, specifically any new administrative staff assigned to support ALE.

How OSPI Uses the Data

OSPI's Learning Options team uses this to provide program support to schools, and to inform the community about how ALE is implemented across the state. Some items are publicly available on the OSPI [Alternative Learning Experience](#) webpage to support public access to ALE options.



Resources

- Detailed guidance about the Annual ALE Year End Collection and frequently asked questions are available on the [Alternative Learning Experience](#) webpage.
- For general information and resources about ALE and access to the Learning Options newsletter, please see the [Alternative Learning Experience](#) webpage.
- **More About OSPI Data**
 - [Data Collections at OSPI](#)

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