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Circle of Friends School
116 S 6th St
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Pursuant to ORS 336.635 and OAR 581-021-0072, the application for the Circle of Friends School to be registered as a private alternative education program for the 2023-2024 school year has been approved.

Subject to the approval of each contracting district, a registered alternative education program is eligible to receive public school funds from the school districts on contractual, per student basis during the 2023-2024 school year.

Prior to contracting with or distributing public funds to a private alternative education program, each contracting district school board must determine that the private alternative program is registered with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Program registration may be confirmed by this letter or by visiting the [Institution Identification web page](#). School district boards are required to adopt policies and procedures for contracting with private alternative programs. Those policies and procedures must include provisions for:

- The annual approval of each program;
- The annual evaluation of each program; and
- The placements of students in the program.

A registered private alternative program must be in compliance with ORS 336.631, ORS 336.635, ORS 336.337, OAR 581-021-0045, OAR 581-021-0072, or the Standards for Private Alternative Programs. Those found not to be in compliance will be removed from the ODE list of registered private alternative programs and will not be eligible to receive public school funds through contracts with school districts.

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Sincerely,