

## **629 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to give direction when alternative instruction is requested.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

In accordance with M.S. 120B.20, parents/guardians may review the content of instructional materials to be provided to their minor child. Content of instructional materials means content included in District-approved core and supplementary textbooks, audio and video tapes, electronic and digital media.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

#### **A. Review**

1. Parents/guardians wishing to review instructional materials to be provided to their child will present the request to the Principal or designee, being as specific as possible as to which materials they wish to review. The building Principal or designee will arrange an opportunity for review of the requested material.
2. If the parents/guardians object to the content for the child, they are to notify the Principal or designee of the specific objection and complete the form "Alternative Instruction Request Form."

#### **B. Alternative Instructional Plan**

1. Principal or designee will propose alternative content and/or instruction that is reasonable within available resources. The form "School Alternative Instruction Plan" will be completed and reviewed with the parent(s).
2. Alternative instruction may be provided by the parents/guardians if the alternative instruction offered by principal or designee does not meet the concerns of the parents/guardians. The District is not required to pay for the costs of alternative instruction provided by parents/guardians. The parent should complete the form "Parent-Provided Alternative Instruction."
3. The parents/guardians will submit, in writing, their plan to provide the alternative instruction.
4. School personnel will evaluate and assess the quality of the student's work produced as part of alternative instruction.
5. School personnel will not impose an academic or other penalty on a student merely for arranging alternative instruction under this policy.

6. Neither objection to the content of instructional materials nor provision of alternative instruction for any one student is to interfere with the rights of others to receive the regular instructional content.
7. Credits earned under alternative instruction will be documented as a “pass.” These credits will not impact class rank or grade point average.

C. Request Form

The school will have in the student’s cumulative file, documentation of the request for alternative instruction (see form in Procedures Manual).

*Legal References:* M.S. 120B.20 - Parental Curriculum Review

*Cross References:* District 77 Procedures Manual - Alternative Instruction Forms