

Education Programs

Alternative Programs and Services

I. Purpose

This policy recognizes the benefit of alternative education programs and services to meet individual learner needs.

II. General Statement of Policy

The school district recognizes the importance of alternative education program and service options. Education program and service options will be made available for students that may enhance their opportunity to learn in a different environment and through a different learning approach.

III. Definition

“Alternative educational services” may include, but are not limited to, special tutoring, modified curriculum, modified instruction, other modifications or adaptations, instruction through electronic media, special education services as indicated by appropriate assessment, homebound instruction, supervised homework, or enrollment in another district or in an alternative learning center under § 123A.05 selected to allow the pupil to progress toward meeting graduation standards under § 120B.02, although in a different setting.

IV. Responsibility

- A. It will be the responsibility of the director of teaching and learning to identify alternative program and service options to be made available to students, to recommend such alternative programs and services to the school board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative programs and services. The superintendent will, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational programs and services to the school board.
- B. The director of teaching and learning will have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to alternative programs and services.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions – Alternative Educational Services)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.45, Subd. 1 (Grounds for Dismissal)
Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (State-Approved Alternative Programs and Services)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.66 (Assurance of Mastery Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.68 (Graduation Incentives Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.74 (American Indian Language and Cultural Educational Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)

Cross References:

Policy 603 (Curriculum and Program Review and Development)
Policy 604 (Grade Level Configuration and Enrollment at School Sites)

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