

## ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PLANS

The purpose of alternative learning plans (ALPS) is to reduce the number of students who do not complete the requirements to graduate from high school and earn a diploma by providing those students with the opportunity to engage in alternative, meaningful educational experiences.

Alternative learning plans may include, but are not limited to, extended learning opportunities, independent study, private instruction, performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, online courses/distance education, or other opportunities approved by the superintendent or designee. Extended learning opportunities may be taken for credit or taken to supplement regular academic courses. Highly qualified teachers and the principal must authorize the granting of credit for learning accomplished through extended learning opportunities. If credit is not granted, the extended learning opportunity may be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements for other courses.

The Director of Guidance is responsible for assisting students and their parents/guardians in preparing application forms and other necessary paperwork for alternative learning plans. The alternative learning plan components will be determined through a team consisting of the student, school personnel, parent/guardian, and other appropriate people based on the individual student need.

The Principal will be responsible for reviewing and approving alternative learning plans and credits awarded toward the attainment of a high school diploma or its equivalent. The District reserves the right to determine, on an individual basis, the number of credits to be awarded. The course name and actual grade earned will be noted on the student's official transcript.

Students approved for alternative learning plans must have parent/guardian permission to participate in such a program. They will remain as enrolled students of the district. It is the student's responsibility to maintain academic standing and enrollment in the program. In order to insure the integrity of the learning experience approved under this program, the student will be required periodically or upon demand to provide evidence of progress. The Principal will be responsible for certifying completion of the plan or program and the award of credits.

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