

Liberty Union High School District

Administrative Regulation

Classification: Instruction

Policy No. AR 6181

Page 1 of 3

Effective 12/13/23

Subject: Alternative School/Programs Of Choice

Notifications

At the beginning of each school year, the "Notice of Alternative Schools" shall be sent to all parents/guardians as set forth in Education Code 58501. During the entire month of March of each year, a copy of this notice shall be posted at each school in at least two places normally visible to students, teachers, and visiting parents/guardians. (Education Code 58501)

Copies of the law providing for alternative schools or programs of choice (Education Code 58500-58512) shall be made available in the district office and each school office to any interested parent/guardian, teacher, or student. (Education Code 58501)

Proposals

All proposals for the establishment of an alternative school or program of choice shall:

1. Address the district's vision, goals, and academic standards
2. Demonstrate that the number of students interested in enrolling in the alternative school or program of choice is sufficient to meet desired student-teacher staffing ratios
3. Demonstrate that teachers are willing to work within the school or program
4. Demonstrate that the proposed operational plan conforms with district timelines and makes equitable use of district staff, facilities, and resources
5. Provide a statement of the specific anticipated costs of implementing the proposal as well as funding sources, including outside funding sources and/or district support
6. Include a comprehensive plan for an annual evaluation of the program to be carried out by the district

The Superintendent or designee may establish an advisory committee of staff, parents/guardians, and community members to evaluate proposals for alternative schools or programs of choice and make recommendations to the Superintendent.

Enrollment

The district may establish alternative schools or programs of choice in each attendance area and/or on a districtwide basis with enrollment open to all students districtwide. (Education Code 58505)

Students enrolled in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers. (Education Code 58503)

Alternative schools and programs of choice shall comply with state and federal law and Board policy regarding nondiscrimination in district programs.

Previous classroom performance shall not be a criterion limiting any student from the opportunity to attend an alternative school or program of choice. (Education Code 58504)

When an alternative class group is established within a school, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students currently enrolled in the school will not be displaced.

Liberty Union High School District

Administrative Regulation

Classification: Instruction

Policy No. AR 6181

Page 2 of 3

Effective 12/13/23

Subject: Alternative School/Programs Of Choice

Operations

The district shall maintain and fund alternative schools or programs of choice at the same level of support as other district educational programs for students of the same age level. (Education Code 58507)

Teachers employed in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers. (Education Code 58503)

Course credits earned in an alternative school or program of choice shall be equivalent to the credits earned in other district schools. Students enrolled in such schools or programs shall be expected to complete all district graduation requirements and shall earn a regular diploma.

Students enrolled in alternative schools may be eligible for district transportation in the same manner as students attending other district schools.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 1068-1074	Alternative schools accountability model; assessments
5 CCR 11705	Charter schools as alternative schools
Ed. Code 35160.5	District policies; rules and regulations
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 52052	Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups
Ed. Code 58500-58512	Alternative schools and programs of choice

Management Resources	Description
Court Decision	American Civil Rights Foundation v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 436
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Creating and Sustaining Successful K-8 Magnet Schools, September 2008
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Innovations in Education: Successful Magnet High Schools, September 2008
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement
Website	California Department of Education, Alternative Schools of Choice
Website	Foundation for California Community Colleges, Early College High School Initiative

Cross References

Code	Description
0000	Vision
0200	Goals For The School District
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
0420	School Plans/Site Councils
0420	School Plans/Site Councils
0500	Accountability

Liberty Union High School District

Administrative Regulation

Classification: Instruction

Policy No. AR 6181

Page 3 of 3

Effective 12/13/23

Subject: Alternative School/Programs Of Choice

1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
1220	Citizen Advisory Committees
3100	Budget
3100	Budget
3250	Transportation Fees
3250	Transportation Fees
3540	Transportation
4113	Assignment
4113	Assignment
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5113.1	Chronic Absence And Truancy
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
5126	Awards For Achievement
5126	Awards For Achievement
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5141.22	Infectious Diseases
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
6000	Concepts And Roles
6011	Academic Standards
6141.4	International Baccalaureate Program
6143	Courses Of Study
6143	Courses Of Study
6146.1	High School Graduation Requirements
6146.3	Reciprocity Of Academic Credit
6146.3	Reciprocity Of Academic Credit
6151	Class Size
6152	Class Assignment
6158	Independent Study
6158	Independent Study
6159	Individualized Education Program
6159	Individualized Education Program
6162.5	Student Assessment
6162.51	State Academic Achievement Tests
6162.51	State Academic Achievement Tests
6164.5	Student Success Teams
6164.5	Student Success Teams
6172.1	Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes
6172.1	Concurrent Enrollment In College Classes
6178	Career Technical Education
6178	Career Technical Education
6184	Continuation Education
6184	Continuation Education
6190	Evaluation Of The Instructional Program