

**ALTERNATIVES TO REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

For students who have difficulty from the learning experiences offered within the regular school program, the district may offer an alternative educational program for individual student needs.

The alternative program will be staffed by professional personnel and shall offer opportunities for students requiring various approaches to learning. The goal for these students is to transition back to the regular school program, so the alternative program will provide for the student's needs in adjusting back to the regular school program.

The alternative school programs shall not be used as a form of punishment for any disciplinary infraction. However, in assessing the student's need for such alternative programs, the building principal may consider the student's conduct and disciplinary history. Such factors are important in analyzing the student's ability to perform in the regular school programs. No student with a disability will be placed pursuant to this policy unless the Committee on Special Education recommends the placement, and the program is appropriate for the student's ability to receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment

A student placed in an alternative program may be returned to the regular school programs when the professional staff recommend that the student is ready to return to the regular school program, based on factors including but not limited to the student's behavior and academic performance.

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