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Columbia Heights School Board Policy 605



605 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative educational services for some school district students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board recognizes the importance of alternative educational services for some students. Extenuating circumstances may put some students at risk of being able to continue or to complete their education programs. It is the policy of the school district that options shall be made available for some students to select educational alternatives that will enhance their opportunity to complete their education programs, recognizing that some students may become successful learners if given an option to learn in a different environment and/or through a different learning style.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Any student who is 17 years old who seeks to withdraw from school, and the student's parent or legal guardian, must attend a meeting with school personnel to discuss the educational opportunities available to the student, including alternative educational services, and sign a written election to withdraw from school.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to identify alternative educational opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative educational services to the school board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents/legal guardians with the availability of such alternative educational services. The superintendent shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational services to the school board.
- C. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to alternative educational services.

- Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions)
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:*** CHPS Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MABA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)