

605 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative education programs for some School District students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The School Board recognizes the importance of alternative program options for some students. Circumstances may be such that some students are put at risk of being able to continue or to complete their education programs. It is the policy of the School Board 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 opportunity to learn in a different environment and through a different learning style.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and designees to identify alternative program opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative programs to the School Board for approval, and to inform students and parents about these alternative programs. The Superintendent and designees shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies, and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational programs to the School Board.
- B. The Superintendent and designees shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement School Board policy relating to alternative programs.

A designated committee (or Individualized Evaluation Plan Team – IEP), shall collaborate with students, parents, alternative site staff, and other District personnel to determine placement of students in alternative settings.

Other districts may utilize District 742 alternative placements if vacancies are not filled by District 742 students. Transportation for out-of-district students shall be

the responsibility of the referring district. Referring districts shall be billed by District 742 at the conclusion of the school year.

All placements are for the current school year only and must be reviewed at the end of the school year.

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: Board Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
Board Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)

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