

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For those students who are unable to benefit from the learning experiences offered within the regular school program, the district offers an alternative school program.

The alternative program is staffed by personnel skilled in dealing with students who have difficulty in adjusting to a traditional school routine. The alternative program includes opportunities for students requiring various approaches to learning, and provides for the student's participation in determining his/her individual educational program. An alternative school program may include attendance in part within the course of study to which the student was assigned prior to referral for the alternative educational program.

No student shall be assigned to the alternative school program as punishment for a disciplinary infraction. However, a Building Principal may recommend that a student be assigned to the program if, in the Building Principal's judgment, the student's conduct, including discipline problems, raises a question as to the student's ability to benefit from the regular school program and the student would benefit from the alternative school program. Such placement shall be approved by the Superintendent of Schools. No student who has been identified as or is suspected of having a disability shall be placed in the alternative school program, pursuant to this policy.

A student in the alternative school program may return to the regular program when the student and the program staff agree that the student is ready to do so.

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