



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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### 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 district recognizes the importance of alternative educational services for some students. Circumstances may be such that some students are put at risk of not 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. The school district recognizes 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. Any student who is 17 years old who seeks to withdraw from school must attend a meeting accompanied by their parent or guardian with school personnel to discuss the educational opportunities available to the student, including alternative educational opportunities 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 and to recommend such alternative programs.. The superintendent shall designate staff whose responsibility it shall be to familiarize students and parents 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 programs.

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