

**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~~ **educational services** 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. Any student who is 17 years old who seeks to withdraw from school, and the student's parent or guardian must attend a meeting 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.
- A.B. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to identify alternative ~~program~~ **educational** 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 familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative ~~programs~~ **educational services**. The superintendent shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational ~~programs~~ **services** to the school board.
- BC. 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, Subd. 11 (Definitions)  
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.45, Subd. 1 (Grounds for Dismissal)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (~~Center Programs and Services~~ **State Approved Alternative Program and Services**)  
~~Minn. Stat. § 124D.32 (Learn and Earn Graduation Achievement Program)~~  
 Minn. Stat. § 124D.66 (Assurance of Mastery Programs)  
 Minn. Stat. § 124D.68 (Graduation Incentives Programs)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.74 (American Indian Language & Cultural Educational Programs)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)

***Cross References:*** Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)