

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Definitions

Alternative education - learning experiences that offer educational choices which meet the needs of students with varying interests and abilities. Alternative education offers choices in terms of time, location, staffing, and programs.

When Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) determines that students with special needs require special programs, ~~the~~ The Alexandria City School Board (Board) may establish alternative programs within existing schools or at separate sites as needed. No person of school age meeting the residency requirements of § 22.1-3 of the Code of Virginia is ~~may be~~ charged tuition for enrollment in an alternative program offered as a regional or division-wide initiative by the School Board.

~~The Superintendent shall develop proposals for alternative school programs and will submit the proposals to the School Board for review and endorsement prior to implementation. Proposals shall include:~~

- ~~1. A data-driven statement of justification for the alternative program explaining how it will meet the ~~unique~~ special needs or expectations of the target population and the community;~~
- ~~2. A plan which delineates the proposed organizational structure as it relates to staffing and the scope and structure of the total instructional program;~~
- ~~3. A statement of financial impact identifying all costs, including administration, staffing, equipping, supplying, transportation, support services, and maintaining the program;~~
- ~~4. A statement of related impact explaining how the proposed program will affect and interrelate with other programs and populations served in existing programs and facilities;~~
- ~~5. A statement of authentication verifying that all aspects of the program are in compliance with all appropriate federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and there is compliance with all applicable accreditation requirements;~~
- ~~6. Special evidence of authorization from the State Department of Education must accompany the proposal if the proposal presents a potential conflict with existing regulations of the State Department of Education; and~~
- ~~7. A plan for evaluation that defines anticipated outcomes and establishes criteria and procedures for evaluating achieved outcomes. ~~The plan should include reference to research around the impact of the program in other districts and varying student populations (State and Federal reporting groups.)~~~~

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The struck section has been relocated to the new regulation. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DkIRnqUlsyQgLawd88VfLN9i3F2nldTDEVQJspNOOsA/edit>

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51 Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-5, 22.1-253.13:1

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