

Board Policy: #6181

Section: 6000 Instruction

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## **ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

The Board may establish and maintain alternative academic programs or separate class groups within a school in order to fulfill the objectives specified in Education Code 58500.

The Superintendent or designee may establish an advisory committee to evaluate proposals for alternative academic programs. The Board shall approve or disapprove proposals after considering the recommendation of the committee and the Superintendent or designee.

Alternative academic programs shall offer the Board-adopted core curriculum. With Board approval, the programs may differ from ongoing programs in other ways that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. They may emphasize a specific element of the approved curriculum.
- 2. They may present the approved curriculum in a sequence different from that used in other district programs.
- 3. Their staff may emphasize specific instructional strategies.

Alternative academic programs shall comply with state and federal law and Board policy regarding nondiscrimination in district programs.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually evaluate alternative academic programs in accordance with law. (Education Code 58510)

## Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment
52900-52904 Alternative education and work centers for school dropouts
58500-58512 Alternative schools
60850-60856 High school exit examination
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
11705 Charter schools as alternative schools

Management Resources:

**WEB SITES** 

CDE: www.cde.ca.gov

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