

## **605 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative educational services for some education district students.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The education district board recognizes the importance of alternative 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 education district 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 education district 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 executive director to identify alternative educational opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative programs to the education district board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative educational services. The executive director shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies, and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational services to the education district board.
- C. The executive director shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement education district board policy relating to alternative programs.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions – Alternative Educational Services)

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:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
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