

**ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS OF CHOICE**

**Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year, the "Notice of Alternative Schools" shall be sent to all parents/guardians as set forth in Education Code 58501. During the entire month of March of each year, a copy of this notice shall be posted at each school in at least two places normally visible to students, teachers, and visiting parents/guardians. (Education Code 58501)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Copies of the law providing for alternative schools or programs of choice (Education Code 58500-58512) shall be made available in the district office and each school office to any interested parent/guardian, teacher, or student. (Education Code 58501)

**Enrollment**

The district may establish alternative schools or programs of choice in each attendance area and/or on a districtwide basis with enrollment open to all students districtwide. (Education Code 58505)

*(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)*

Students enrolled in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers. (Education Code 58503)

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

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

Previous classroom performance shall not be a criterion limiting any student from the opportunity to attend an alternative school or program of choice. (Education Code 58504)

When an alternative class group is established within a school, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students currently enrolled in the school will not be displaced.

**Operations**

The district shall maintain and fund alternative schools or programs of choice at the same level of support as other district educational programs for students of the same age level. (Education Code 58507)

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

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Teachers employed in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers. (Education Code 58503)

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

Course credits earned in an alternative school or program of choice shall be equivalent to the credits earned in other district schools. Students enrolled in such schools or programs shall be expected to complete all district graduation requirements and shall earn a regular diploma.

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

Students enrolled in alternative schools may be eligible for district transportation in the same manner as students attending other district schools.

*(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)*

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

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