

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

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.

Proposals

All proposals for the establishment of an alternative school or program of choice shall:

1. Address the district's vision, goals, and academic standards
2. Demonstrate that the number of students interested in enrolling in the alternative school or program of choice is sufficient to meet desired student-teacher staffing ratios
3. Demonstrate that teachers are willing to work within the school or program
4. Demonstrate that the proposed operational plan conforms with district timelines and makes equitable use of district staff, facilities, and resources
5. Provide a statement of the specific anticipated costs of implementing the proposal as well as funding sources, including outside funding sources and/or district support
6. Include a comprehensive plan for an annual evaluation of the program to be carried out by the district

The Superintendent or designee may establish an advisory committee of staff, parents/guardians, and community members to evaluate proposals for alternative schools or programs of choice and make recommendations to the Superintendent.

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.

Students enrolled in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers.

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

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

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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.

Teachers employed in alternative schools or programs of choice shall be selected entirely from volunteers.