

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Background

To provide for student and parental choice and to meet specific learning needs, alternative programs may be offered in the District.

Procedures

1. Proposal Submission

- 1.1 Proponents shall submit a proposal to establish an alternative program to the Superintendent.
- 1.2 A submission shall be made a minimum of eight (8) months before the expected start-up date in order to provide adequate time for clarification, discussion and planning, unless waived by the Board.
- 1.3 Feedback on the proposal will be provided to the originators of the programs.
- 1.4 Once the proposal is deemed to be complete, the Superintendent will:
 - 1.4.1 Advise the Board of receipt of the proposal.
 - 1.4.2 Refer the proposal for comment to Administrator's Association and other personnel directly affected.
 - 1.4.3 Refer the proposal to Alberta Education for critique (if deemed necessary).
 - 1.4.4 Report to the Board as to the disposition of the proposal.
 - 1.4.5 If the proposal is deemed unacceptable, advise the originators accordingly. The author may submit an amended proposal.
 - 1.4.6 If the proposal is deemed acceptable, arrange for the originators to make a presentation of the proposal to the Board.
- 1.5 The Board may reject the proposal or direct the Superintendent to bring recommendation(s) to the Board for further discussion and a decision to accept or reject the proposal.
- 1.6 If the proposal is accepted by the Board, detailed preparation such as timelines, transportation, student recruitment, staffing and location will be carried out through the office of the Chief Superintendent.

2. Each alternative program proposal must include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- 2.1 Background research
- 2.2 Philosophy, objectives and mission statement

- 2.3 Distinguishing feature(s) of the alternative program
- 2.4 Operational budget
- 2.5 Staffing profiles to meet the alternative program objective
- 2.6 Evaluation of alternative program methodology and objectives
- 2.7 Projected student population and geographical location and ages/grades of students
- 2.8 Transportation of students to and from the alternative program
- 2.9 Curriculum and instructional materials in addition to Alberta Education Curriculum
- 2.10 School Council implications
- 2.11 The Role of the Board.

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Reference: Section 3, 8, 21, 39, 45, 45.1, 49, 60, 61, 113 School Act
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