

Instruction

Alternative Schools

The Board of Education desires to provide a variety of education programs designed to address students' diverse learning needs and enhance student achievement through innovative methods and ideas.

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

Alternative schools or class groups shall offer the Board-adopted core curriculum. With Board approval, the schools or 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.
4. The decision-making process for their governance may differ from the processes used in other District programs.

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

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment

41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

58500-58512 Alternative schools

60850-60856 High school exit examination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11705 Charter schools as alternative schools

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