

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process, since expulsion deprives a student of the right to an education.

Students suspended for more than ten (10) days or expelled from school shall remain under the supervision of the school system using an alternative education program designed to continue the educational process in an alternative educational placement. The alternative education program is designed to offer variations of traditional instructional programs and strategies for the purpose of increasing the likelihood that students who are unmotivated or unsuccessful in the traditional programs or who are disruptive in the traditional school environment remain in school and earn course credits when possible, and to provide assistance with social skills and work habits.

A student placed in an alternative school or an alternative education program shall attend and participate in such school, program, or education services. The parent, tutor, or legal guardian of any such student shall ensure attendance of the student as required. The Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, with the approval of the Superintendent, shall have the authority to file court proceedings to enforce the attendance requirements.

Upon the request of the student's parent, tutor, or other person responsible for the student's school attendance, a student enrolled in school between ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years may be allowed, with approval of the School Board, to attend an alternative education program.

The School Board may solicit and contract with an education service provider to provide educational services to students placed in an alternative school or an alternative education program. Alternative educational services to be rendered shall be in accordance with state law and rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Other alternative education programs may be available for students with special needs. These programs are enumerated in the Board's *Pupil Progression Plan*.

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Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:7.5, 17:100.5, 17:221, 17:224, 17:416.2; *Alternative Education Schools/Programs Standards*, Bulletin 131, Louisiana Department of Education; Board minutes 10-15-02, 01-15-13.