

Technical Academies of Minnesota

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605 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative educational services for some charter school students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The charter school board acknowledges the value of alternative educational services for certain students. Circumstances may put some students at risk of not being able to continue or complete their education programs. It is the policy of the charter school that options shall be made available to some students to select educational alternatives that will enhance their opportunities to complete their education programs, recognizing that some students may become successful learners if given the opportunity to learn in a different environment and through a different learning style.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Any student who is 17 years old who seeks to withdraw from school, and the student's parent or guardian, must attend a meeting with school personnel to discuss the educational opportunities available to the student, including alternative educational opportunities, and sign a written election to withdraw from school.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee to identify alternative educational opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative programs to the charter school board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative educational services. The Curriculum Committee shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies, and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational services to the charter school board.
- C. The Curriculum Committee shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement charter school board policy relating to alternative programs.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions – Alternative Educational Services)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.45, Subd. 1 (Grounds for Dismissal)
Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (State-Approved Alternative Programs and Services)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.66 (Assurance of Mastery Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.68 (Graduation Incentives Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.74 (American Indian Language and Cultural Educational Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)