



**Responsible Office:** Office of School Leadership

## **BOARD POLICY 6171.1**

### **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Board of Trustees (Board) adopts this Board Policy to provide an alternative education program to support the education of Washoe County School District (District) students at risk of dropping out of school. The Board is committed to developing alternative education programs for students with diverse backgrounds, learning styles, and interests to assist in their attainment of a high school diploma.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Alternative Education" means a program operated by a school district for the education of students at risk of dropping out of school.

#### **POLICY**

1. The District will maintain an alternative education program for high school students that varies from the regular school education program.
2. The Office of School Leadership, in partnership with other District departments, will be responsible for the development, implementation, and administration of the District's alternative education program.
3. Groups of students who may benefit from an alternative education program include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Students who are credit deficient;
  - b. Behavior disorders/behavior placements;
  - c. Students wishing to accelerate their education;
  - d. Long term suspension or return from incarceration;
  - e. Pregnant teens/teenage parents;
  - f. Students with poor attendance;

- g. Students who have problems with drug/alcohol, mental health, and/or behavioral needs;
  - h. Students who need flexibility due to a special circumstance;
  - i. Students wishing to graduate early; and/or
  - j. Students with health issues.
4. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy. The Superintendent shall include in the Administrative Regulation the following provisions:
- a. A plan for maintaining the records of each student placed in an alternative education program, including but not limited to the following documents:
    - i. Alternative Education Plan;
    - ii. A copy of the students' attendance;
    - iii. A copy of the assignments, test, and/or competencies that the student has completed; and
    - iv. A copy of the record that indicates the final grade or credit earned for each course as issued by the instructor.
  - b. Develop various curricula and student opportunities available in the alternative education program.
  - c. Develop procedures governing the referral, placement, and discharge of students to and from the District's alternative education program.

### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- 1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District.

### **REVISION HISTORY**

Date	Revision	Modification
9/22/1992	1.0	Adopted
05/24/2022	2.0	Revised: Add purpose statement and formatted pursuant to BP 9070