

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## 600 Series

### Alternative Programs

#### Code No. 604

Requests to the Board to develop and implement alternative school programs should include the following information:

1. Need. A narrative statement should give the reasons for the request.
2. Objectives. Immediate and long-range objectives should be stated, according to the purposes of the request and the course content.
3. Expected Goals. At the end of a specific trial period, the alternative program should be evaluated and its further use should be projected.
4. Personnel Involved in Planning. A listing should include members of the professional staff and the community.
5. Implementation Procedures. Steps for implementing the program should be listed, including plans for developing the program once it is started.
6. Plans for Evaluation. Based on the stated objectives and goals, program evaluation plans should be provided, including a listing and type(s) of possible assessment instruments. The continuation of any program beyond its stated trial period could occur only after a positive evaluation which considers all aspects of the program.

The Board will carefully consider plans for alternative programs, and will weigh the counsel provided by the professional staff and the superintendent. However, the Board's primary responsibilities remain the overseeing of the regular school program and the administration of the District's finances. These primary responsibilities will be kept in mind as the Board reaches a decision.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code Section 280.12  
Iowa Administrative Code 3.5(7); 3.5(10); 3.5(14)

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