

Wilson County Board of Education

Policy Description: Alternative School Programs	Policy Number: 6.319	Amended Date: 02/04/10
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1 The Board shall operate an alternative school program for students in grades 7-12 who have been suspended or
2 expelled from regular school programs.¹ Attendance in alternative school programs shall not be mandatory and
3 students attending an alternative school located other than at their home school shall provide their own
4 transportation. Should parent/guardian decide against the placement in the Alternative School the
5 parent/guardian is responsible for their child's educational placement within 30 calendar days.

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7 Teachers in alternative schools shall be certified by the state and shall be selected on the basis of interest and
8 ability to work in alternative situations.

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10 Student teacher ratios shall be small enough to allow for adequate instruction but shall be determined by the
11 age, behavior and academic achievement of students in the program.

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13 Sufficient textbooks, equipment and supplies shall be provided by the school system.

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15 Alternative school programs shall be operated in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education² and
16 instruction shall proceed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the instructional programs at the student's
17 home school. All course work completed and credits earned in the alternative school shall be transferred to and
18 recorded in the student's home school. Credit earned and progress made shall be granted as if the work were
19 performed in the home school. No student may graduate based solely on attendance in alternative schools.¹

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21 Students who are eligible for special education, such change in a student's program shall be determined by a
22 team including the principal, the school counselor and special education personnel and the student, in
23 accordance with the suspension policy of the Board, with or without the parents being present.

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25 A student placed in an alternative school program shall be subject to all rules of the school. A violation of such
26 rules by a student may result in the student's removal from the school for the duration of the original suspension
27 or expulsion, but shall not constitute grounds for any extension. The final decision will be made by the chief
28 administrator of the alternative school.³

¹ TCA 49-6-3402 (a); OP Tenn. Atty. Gen. 93-43 (May 12, 1993)

² TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.09

³ TCA 49-6-3402(c)