

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Albemarle County School Board establishes alternative educational programs within existing schools or at separate sites as needed. No person of school age meeting the residency requirements of Virginia Code § 22.1-3 is charged tuition for enrollment in an alternative program offered as a regional or division-wide initiative by the School Board.

Proposals for alternative school programs will be developed by staff and will be submitted to the Board for review and endorsement prior to implementation. Proposals shall include:

1. a statement of justification for the alternative program explaining how it will meet the special needs or expectations of the target population and the community;
2. a plan which delineates the proposed organizational structure of the program as it relates to staffing and the scope and structure of the total instructional program;
3. a statement of financial impact identifying all costs, including administration, staffing, equipping, supplying, transportation, support services, and maintaining the program;
4. a statement of related impact explaining how the proposed program will affect and interrelate with other programs and populations served in existing programs and facilities;
5. a statement verifying that all aspects of the program are in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, School Board policies, and accreditation requirements;
6. if the proposal presents a potential conflict with existing regulations of the State Department of Education, evidence of authorization from the State Department of Education must accompany the proposal; and
7. a plan for evaluation that defines anticipated outcomes and establishes criteria and procedures for evaluating achieved outcomes.

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