

Alternative Education Programs

The Lincoln County Alternative Programs function district-wide assisting students with special or extenuating circumstances which may preclude them from attending school in a regular setting during regular school hours. The program is triggered by need as determined by principals, parents, and students. Students are provided service where it is most often advantageous in a location convenient to the student without jeopardizing the educational process.

Students may be placed in an alternative education program if the district determines that the placement serves the student's educational needs and interests and assists the student in achieving district and state academic content standards. The district will also consider and propose alternative education programs for students prior to expulsion or leaving school as required by law.

There are three categories of students in the alternative program: discipline-related, credit deficient, and at-risk. Each group has unique requirements. Discipline-related students are referred by a school principal to the alternative program. Placement is temporary based on the school's discipline plan, the recommendations of the overview committee, and/or Nevada statute. The location must be arranged by the site administrator. It must be off campus.

Credit-deficient students lack credits sufficient to advance from one level to another (as in the case of a middle school student who hasn't earned enough credit to go into high school) or are lacking credits in specific core subjects leading to graduation at the high school level and are at risk of dropping out. The location must be arranged by the site administrator. It may be on campus or off campus.

At-risk students typically include students who are: pregnant, chronically ill, self-supporting, or unable to attend instructional classes during regular hours in regular school settings. At risk students may include those who: are chronically absent, require more personal instruction and assistance than that provided in a high school, or need help with child care and/or transportation to and from school. The location must be arranged or approved by the site administrator.

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