

## **Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 6181 Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice**

The Governing Board desires to provide a variety of innovative educational programs to accommodate students' diverse learning needs and interests, foster student engagement in the schools, and enhance student achievement. Toward this end, the Board may establish and maintain alternative schools or programs of choice.

A district alternative school or program of choice may differ from the traditional educational program in its academic emphasis, sequence of curriculum, educational philosophy, instructional strategy, structure, setting, size, scheduling, targeted student population, decision-making process, and/or other components. All alternative schools or programs of choice shall offer enrolled students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve district content standards in core academic subjects and shall provide access to the course of study required for high school graduation.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*  
*(cf. 6172.1 - Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes to ensure communication among staff in the alternative schools or programs of choice and staff in the regular educational program in order to share information and ideas.

### **Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an annual evaluation of each alternative school or program of choice which includes testing of basic skills for student participants and which identifies the variables that may have affected student academic achievement. The evaluation process shall include input from teachers, parents/guardians, and students from the alternative school or program of choice. (Education Code 58510)

Evaluation reports shall be sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before August 1 following the close of the school year. (Education Code 58510)

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

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Legal Reference:  
EDUCATION CODE  
35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment  
48980 Parental notifications  
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant  
58500-58512 Alternative schools and programs of choice  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability model

11705 Charter schools as alternative schools

COURT DECISIONS

American Civil Rights Foundation v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 436

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