

## **Policy 605 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative educational services for some Northfield School District students.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board recognizes the importance of alternative educational services for some students who are at risk of not continuing or completing their educational programs. It is the policy of the school district that options shall be made available for some students to select educational alternatives that will enhance their opportunity to complete their educational programs.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Any student who is 17 years old who seeks to withdraw from school, and the student's parent or guardian must attend a meeting with school personnel to discuss the educational opportunities available to the student, including alternative educational opportunities and sign a written election to withdraw from school.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or their designee to identify alternative educational opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative programs to the school board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative educational services. The superintendent shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies, and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational services to the school board.
- C. The superintendent or their designee shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to alternative programs.

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Board of Education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659

Northfield, Minnesota

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions – Alternative Educational Services)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.45, Subd. 1 (Grounds for Dismissal)  
Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (Center Programs and Services)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.66 (Assurance of Mastery Programs)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.68 (Graduation Incentives Programs)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.74 (American Indian Language and Cultural Educational Programs)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)

#### ***Cross References:***

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
MSBA/MASA Policy 648 (Instructional Curriculum)