

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

It is the position of The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) and the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) that students who are not succeeding in the regular school program need to be provided with educational alternatives. This may include, but not be limited to, students who are expelled, suspended, or wards of the court.

As part of this effort, the County Superintendent expects Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) staff to work cooperatively with school districts, educators, parents/guardians, students and community members, and county agencies to develop educational alternatives. At both elementary and secondary school levels, programs will maximize the opportunity for collaborative learning arrangements tailored to the individual needs of each student.

Students may be allowed to pursue educational credit earning opportunities outside of the classroom within the framework of a learning contract as identified in administrative regulations. Effective alternative education programs designed to address the different ways students acquire learning skills shall be encouraged and maintained. Alternative means for students to complete their prescribed course of study shall be provided through educational alternatives, including independent study options which meet the requirements of the Education Code or other applicable statutes.

The County Community School programs operated by the MCOE meet all criteria set forth in an alternative school, pursuant to Education Code sections 58500-58512.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1980 County Board Authority to Establish County Community Schools

35160.5 Intradistrict open enrollment

41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant

48980 Parental notifications

52052 Academic Performance Index

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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