

COMMUNITY & JUVENILE COURT 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 Juvenile Court School Program, the community schools, and the Community Day School programs operated by the MCOE meet all criteria set forth in an alternative school, pursuant to Education Code 1980 48645.2.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1980	<i>County Board Authority to Establish County Community Schools</i>
35160.5	<i>Intradistrict open enrollment</i>
41505-41508	<i>Pupil Retention Block Grant</i>
48645.2	<i>County Board Authority to Establish Juvenile Court Schools</i>
48980	<i>Parental notifications</i>
52052	<i>Academic Performance Index</i>
58500-58512	<i>Alternative schools and programs of choice</i>

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1068-1074	<i>Alternative schools accountability model</i>
11705	<i>Charter schools as alternative schools</i>

COURT DECISIONS

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