

POLICY 105-10

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

In order to ensure that all students achieve high academic standards and graduate, all Department secondary schools shall provide appropriate services and supports to students who have difficulty succeeding in traditional learning environments. These services and supports may be offered through such structures as the Alternative Learning Centers (“ALC”), Special Motivation Programs (“SMP”), smaller academic houses, tutorial services, work-based learning experiences, and other models that meet the needs of the target population.

The goals of these programs are: 1) early identification of students who need timely and appropriate intervention strategies, services, and supports; 2) creation of effective and supportive learning environments that enable participating students to improve their academic performance to attain applicable performance standards and graduate from high school; and 3) provision of services and supports that help students develop appropriate social, emotional, and behavior competencies.

Rationale: There are secondary students who have difficulty succeeding in traditional learning environments. These students may have academic, social, emotional, or behavioral difficulties that impact their academic performance and success. Alternative environments provide services and supports that meet their needs.

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