

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Some children have great difficulty coping with the conventional school program and, as a result, will drop out of school. Some children require more support and direct supervision than is reasonably available in conventional school settings. And, some children, along with a highly structured academic experience, require a special focus on life skills and an appropriate vocational involvement.

The Board will provide alternative education programs where these needs have been identified, where establishment of such programs is feasible, and where the proposed programs fall within the function normally associated with the public school system.

These alternative educational programs will seek to provide an appropriate academic, social, and vocational experience to aid these young people either to reenter the regular school system, move into another educational setting, or prepare them for successful employment.

It is the policy of the West Central School District to accommodate the needs of students who are at risk of dropping out of school. To accommodate these needs, the following steps will be followed:

1. Upon learning of a student's desire to drop out of school, the school counselor or building principal will first meet with the student to discuss the matter.
2. The school counselor or building principal will notify the parents/guardians of the student's intentions and will then schedule a meeting between the student, parents/guardian, school counselor and building principal.
3. Attempts will be made to keep the student in school.
4. If the student agrees to stay in school, under circumstances that may be considered inordinate, a contract will be written stating what guidelines will be followed and the duration of the contract. The contract will be signed by the student, the parents, the school counselor and the building principal.
5. All eligibility rules of the SDHSAA will be followed.

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