

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Repeal of Rule 6A-6.0524, Educational Alternatives Programs

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02, 1003.53, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule repeats information already stated in Florida Statute, thus this rule is to be repealed.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0524, F.A.C.

Facilitator: Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor, Public Schools

The following rule is hereby repealed:

6A-6.0524 Educational Alternatives Programs.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1003.53 FS. Law Implemented 1003.53 FS. History—New 10-30-90, Amended 1-2-95, Repealed.

6A-6.0524 Educational Alternatives Programs.

Educational alternatives programs are programs designed to serve students who are unmotivated or unsuccessful and shall have strong emphasis on appropriate agency coordination as specified in paragraph 6A-6.0521(2)(b), F.A.C.

(1) Voluntary or assigned participation. Participation is voluntary and means that the student is not assigned to the program without parental or adult student permission.

(2) Criteria for eligibility.

(a) Student has been retained;

(b) Student has failing grades or grades not commensurate with documented ability levels;

(c) Student has high absenteeism;

(d) Student has low achievement test scores;

(e) Student has performed successfully in an educational alternative program and wishes to remain enrolled in such programs; or

(f) According to district criteria, student exhibits behavior of a non-disciplinary nature which interferes with school success. This behavior shall be documented by student services personnel.

(3) Instructional periods. Instruction shall be provided for a minimum of two (2) instructional periods per day unless the student participates in a student support and assistance component rather than standard dropout prevention classes.

(4) Service delivery models. Educational alternatives programs may be offered at alternative sites, regular school campuses, or any location approved by the district school board as a school center. Educational alternatives programs may be offered full-time or part-time.

(5) Where the student in the program is a volunteer the notice of requirements in subsections (6) and (7) of this rule does not apply.

(6) Referral for evaluation of eligibility for exceptional student education. Any student assigned to an alternatives education program for unsuccessful or disinterested students, which is designed to return the student to the conventional educational program, shall be referred for an evaluation of eligibility for exceptional student educational

~~services if not returned to the regular program after a specified period of time. Students identified according to Rule 6A-6.0524, F.A.C., as unsuccessful or disinterested shall be referred after a total of one hundred twenty (120) days of participation. Participation applicable to this provision must occur within any two (2) consecutive school semesters. These provisions shall not apply to students in other eligibility categories or to students in programs designed to offer a comprehensive multi year alternative to conventional public schools and for which student participation is entirely optional.~~

~~(7) Notification of parents. Upon the first placement in any school year of a student into any alternatives education program for unsuccessful or disinterested students, the district shall give the student's parents written notification of their right to request an evaluation to determine eligibility for exceptional student education.~~

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