



CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Regulation 3044 – Alternative Program Processes

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PART 1 GENERAL

- Purpose**
1. The CBE is committed to the personalization of student learning. Personalized learning includes choices developed to respond to student interests and talents. Alternative Programs are one way to address identified student learning choices.
- Definitions**
2. In this Regulation:
 - 1) “Alternative Program” means, as indicated in the School Act, an education program that emphasizes a particular language, culture or subject-matter, or uses a particular teaching philosophy, but that is not a special education program, a program referred to in section 10 (Language of Instruction – French) or a program of religious education offered by a separate school board.
- Authority**
3. The School Act grants school boards the authority to offer Alternative Programs. The authority to approve Alternative Programs for use in the CBE is delegated by the Board of Trustees to the Chief Superintendent of Schools.
 4. All Alternative Programs offered by the CBE operate under the sole direction of the CBE.
- Alternative Program Proposals**
5. Alternative Programs shall be proposed and approved in the manner detailed in the Alternative Program proposals processes. All Alternative Programs are subject to the stated expectations of Alberta Education and CBE Administrative Regulations, as well as all agreements to which the CBE is party and applicable legislation and regulations.

- Implementation**
6. The implementation and establishment of an Alternative Program is subject to the approval of the Chief Superintendent of Schools.
- Alternative Program Proposals Processes**
7. Alternative Programs may be implemented and established on the basis of concepts explored, researched and proposed by CBE staff, students, parents and/or the general public:
- 1) applications for Alternative Programs are received and reviewed through the Alternative Program proposals processes;
 - 2) Alternative Program proposals processes are a primary responsibility of the deputy chief superintendent;
 - 3) Alternative Program proposals processes are led by an area director assigned by the deputy chief superintendent;
 - 4) Alternative Program proposals are initially screened to determine if the proposed Alternative Program:
 - a. is consistent with the School Act and CBE's Administrative Regulations;
 - b. is not a duplication of an existing program offered by the CBE;
 - c. is consistent with sound educational theory and practice; and
 - d. is sustainable over the long term.
8. When the CBE determines there is sufficient demand for an approved Alternative Program, the Alternative Program will be offered to those students whose parents enroll them in the Alternative Program.
9. The CBE may charge fees to parents for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of any non-instructional costs that may be incurred in offering the Alternative Program and that are in addition to costs incurred in providing the regular education program.
10. Information concerning Alternative Programs is made available to staff, students and parents.
11. The Alternative Program proposal form for use by the general public may be found at www.cbe.ab.ca under Programs > Program Options.
12. This Regulation applies to CBE staff, students, parents and the general public.