

STUDENTS ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

Children of compulsory school age must regularly attend some public or non-public school, unless excused from school attendance. A child will be excused from school attendance if a child is provided with alternative instruction for an equivalent period of time as in the public schools in the basic skills of language arts and mathematics. Any parent or guardian of a child of compulsory school age may request that the child be excused from school attendance. The request for alternative instruction must be filed annually at the office of the superintendent of schools.

All requests for alternative instruction must be in writing. The form for requests for a child to be provided with alternative instruction is provided by the South Dakota Department of Education

RE-ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

1. **Elementary Students** – Any child of compulsory school age, who has been receiving alternative instruction in an unaccredited setting, seeking enrollment in the School District, shall be placed at the child's demonstrated level of proficiency established by the District's standardized tests. The child's initial placement, prior to all assessments being complete, may not be at a grade level higher than warranted by the child's chronological age, assuming entry to the first grade at age six (6) years and annual grade advancement thereafter. The standardized test shall be administered by school personnel and scored as required by the test protocols.
2. **Secondary Students** – Any student who has been receiving alternative instruction in an unaccredited setting and seeks enrollment in the Public School in grades 9 or above, shall be placed in the grade level established by standardized English and mathematics tests, to be administered by the District. The student shall be assigned the minimum passing credit for the grade levels associated with the standardized tests. The student may request credit for any other subject equivalent to a subject provided by the Schools. The high school principal shall review the student's alternative instruction transcript and may award credits based upon the student's performance on teacher-made tests provided to students in similar courses in the Schools. Any such credits so awarded shall count towards the student's required credits for graduation.
3. **Appeals of Decisions** – Any parent, guardian, or eighteen (18) year old student aggrieved by a grade or credit determination may, pursuant to this policy, appeal the determination to the School Board. Decisions made by the school board under this policy may be appealed to the Secretary of the Department of Education.

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