

INSTRUCTION

Alternative Education

The Inyo County Board of Education believes that alternative education settings provide at-risk students and students who do not find success in traditional school settings an opportunity to access a quality education and/or prepare them to successfully re-enter traditional education, secondary education or the workforce. The Board established the following alternative programs and schools:

I. County Community School per Education Code Section 1981

The county community school may be based on the Waldorf method. Students may earn a high school diploma. (Education Code 1983 (d) and 1984.) Passage of the California High School Exit Exam, one year of Algebra, and 200 credits shall be required for graduation as follows: 30 Language Arts, 20 Math, 10 Life Science, 10 Physical Science, 10 World History, 10 U.S. History, 5 American Government, 5 Economics, 20 Physical Education, 5 Health, 10 Fine Arts, 10 Vocational Education, 5 Geography, and 50 Electives.

II. County Community Day School per Education Code Section 48667

The same graduation requirements set forth in section I above shall apply to students attending community day school.

III. Opportunity School per Education Code Section 48640

The opportunity school shall be conducted with a view to the improvement of the pupil and to his or her restoration, as soon as practicable, to the regular school and regular class.

IV. Opportunity Program per Education Code Sections 48636 and 48637.3

Students shall be enrolled into the above programs and schools according to the applicable Education Codes and regulations. The county-operated opportunity program may serve district students who shall also be concurrently enrolled in the regular district program for purposes of apportionment and education per Education Code section 46180. The opportunity school and opportunity program may be concurrently operated within one setting. However, opportunity program students must attend a minimum of one period and no more than 179 minutes with the remainder of their minimum day served in the regular program. Opportunity School students must attend for a minimum of 180 minutes in the Opportunity School.

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BOARD POLICY:

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