

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

As special needs are determined, alternative programs may be established by the Board within existing schools or at separate sites that are within the jurisdiction of the Alleghany County Schools. No person of school age meeting the residency requirements of § 22.1-3 may be charged tuition for enrollment in an alternative program offered as a regional or division-wide initiative by the School Board.

Students may enroll in, and receive a standard and verified unit of credit for, supervised correspondence courses with prior approval of the principal. Standard units of credit shall be awarded for the successful completion of such courses when the course is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia license, approved by the local school board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has passed the SOL test associated with the correspondence course completed. Guidelines governing this method of instruction will be in accordance with the provision of 8 VAC 20-131-110 and the administration of required SOL tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30.

Schools are encouraged to pursue alternative means to deliver instruction to accommodate student needs through emerging technologies and other similar means. Standard units of credit shall be awarded for successful completion of such courses when the courses is equivalent to that offered in the regular school program and the work is done under the supervision of a licensed teacher, or a person eligible to hold a Virginia teaching license and approved by local school board. Verified units of credit may be earned when the student has successfully completed the requirements and passed the SOL test associated with the course. Guidelines governing this method of delivery of instruction that shall include the provisions of 8 VAC 20-131-110 and the administration of required SOL tests prescribed by 8 VAC 20-131-30.

Students enrolled in the alternative school may, upon prior approval of the building principal, participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that include inter-scholastic athletics, field trips, and dances. Students must meet the VHSL bona fide student rule to be eligible for inter-scholastic athletic participation. Students assigned alternative education as a result of disciplinary reasons or failure to comply with school rules, including attendance, shall not be permitted to participate in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.

Night School

“Any school board may, in its discretion, establish and conduct night schools to which may be admitted pupils, regardless of age.” See §22.1-210 of the Virginia School Laws.

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Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, Alternative Education, 8 VAC 20-30-10.

Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, 8 VAC 20-131-180.