**Policy Code: 4065 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS**

The Board is committed to the goal of providing a safe, orderly and inviting learning environment at each school. The educational program and the behavior management plan developed at each school, as well as numerous other strategies identified in Board policies, are intended to create such an environment and help each student be a contributing and successful member of the school.

Alternative schools/programs are provided as an option for when a student's behavior management or academic performance needs cannot be met in a regular education setting. The purposes of an alternative school/program are to (1) intervene and address problems that prevent a student from successfully achieving in the regular educational setting; (2) reduce the risk of the student dropping out of school by directing resources to helping the student resolve issues affecting performance at school; (3) return the student to the regular educational setting as soon as practical with the skills necessary to succeed in that environment; and (4) preserve a safe, orderly and inviting learning environment at the regular educational setting.

The Superintendent and/or designee shall develop and publish clear procedures for entrance and exit from alternative programs, including program content and goals, in accordance with state law and State Board of Education guidelines.

LEGAL REF:  [G.S. 14-208.18](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=14&spec=208.18); [G.S. 115C-36](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=36), [-47](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=47)(32a), [-105.27](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=105.27), [-105.47A](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=105.47a), [-105.48](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=48), [-276](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=276)(r), [-288](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=288), [-367](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=367), [-369](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=369), [-390.7](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=390.7), [-390.9](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=390.9), [-390.10](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=390.10), [-390.11](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=390.11); State Board of Education Policy [~~GCS -Q-002~~](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=pol&loc=nc&id=altp-002&)ACCT-038, DROP-001, EXCP-000; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities,* as amended (Public Schools of N.C.); *Policies and Procedures for Alternative Learning Programs and Schools* (NC Dept. of Public Instruction, October 2014), available at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=10399&AID=31595&MID=1590>

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