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## ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PLANS

In an effort to maximize the number of students who do complete the requirements to graduate from high school and earn a diploma, the Board establishes a program for alternative learning plans for students to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent. The Oyster River Cooperative School District, with input from teachers, administrators, and school counselors. and through the high school Director of Counseling who is directed to identify students who may be at risk for dropping out of high school, will develop alternative learning plans consistent with this policy, and will assist students who are participating in alternative learning plans.

Alternative learning plans may include, but are not limited to, extended learning opportunities, independent study, private instruction, performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, online courses/distance education, or other opportunities approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee, in conjunction with Board policies.

The purposes of alternative learning plans are to provide students with educational experiences that are meaningful, to provide students with opportunities to explore and achieve at high levels, and to meet State and District requirements to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent. In order to maximize student achievement, this policy permits students to employ alternative learning plans that fulfill or exceed the expectations set forth by State minimum standards and applicable Board policy.

Alternative learning plans may include extended learning opportunities taken for credit or taken to supplement regular academic courses. If the alternative learning plan includes extended learning opportunities taken for credit, the provisions of Policies (IMBC), Alternative Credit Options and Policy (IHBH), Extended Learning Opportunities, will apply.

### **Cross Reference:**

- IHBH, R, R1, R2 – Extended Learning Opportunities
- IKAA – Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation
- IKF – Graduation
- ILBAA – High School Graduation Competencies
- IMBC,R – Alternative Credit Options
- IMBD – High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework
- IMBA – Distance Education

### **Legal References:**

- RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Student
- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(13), Extended Learning Opportunities
- NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.27(b)(4), Extended Learning Opportunities – High School