



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Alternative Compulsory Attendance Policy and Procedures

A. Alternative Program Permission

1. A student who has reached the age of 16 may be excused from school attendance under the following conditions:
 - a. The student has requested permission to be excused and has the written approval of his/her parent or guardian; and
 - b. The student and his/her parent or guardian agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to the student's high school graduation as designed and agreed to by the school district administrator. Program or curriculum modifications include the following:
 - 1) Attendance at a vocational, technical, and adult education school in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis only if the child has been identified as at-risk (for 16 year olds);
 - 2) Modifications within the child's current academic program;
 - 3) A school work training or work study program;
 - 4) Enrollment in any alternative public school or program located in the school district;
 - 5) Enrollment in any nonsectarian private school or program located in the school district which complies with federal nondiscrimination requirements (Title VI of Civil Rights Act).
 - 6) Home-bound study, including nonsectarian correspondence courses or other courses of study approved by the Board or nonsectarian tutoring provided by the school district; or
 - 7) Enrollment in any public educational program outside the school district.
2. A student who is 17 years of age or over may be excused from school attendance under the following conditions:
 - a. The student has requested permission to be excused and has the written approval of his/her parent or guardian; and
 - b. The student and his/her parent or guardian agree, in writing, that the student will participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to the student's high school graduation or leading to a

high school equivalency diploma. Program or curriculum modifications include those identified above.

B. Procedures

1. Prior to being excused from school attendance, the guidance counselor will discuss the program or curriculum modification options with the student and his/her parent or guardian.
2. The guidance counselor will inform the district administrator, in writing, of the request and of the program or curriculum modification(s) leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma tentatively agreed upon by the student and his/her parent or guardian.
3. The district administrator will present the request and high school equivalency or high school graduation program proposal to the Board for approval.
4. A written agreement must be signed by the student, his/her parent or guardian, the Board, and a representative of the high school equivalency program or program leading to the student's high school graduation. This agreement must be signed prior to the student's admission to such program.
5. At least once each semester, the guidance counselor will review compliance with each student's agreement. If it is determined that a student is not complying with the agreement, the student and his/her parent or guardian and the high school equivalency program or program leading to high school graduation will be notified that the agreement may be modified or suspended in thirty (30) days.
6. If the agreement is suspended, the student will be expected to attend school on a regular basis in accordance with state law, Board policy, and established procedures.

C. Evaluation of Credits Earned at River Valley High School

Credits for each alternative program (if any) are to be awarded as part of each program agreement on a case-by-case basis. Pre-approval of such credit must be obtained from the building principal for each case.

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