

Unity School District - Board of Education

342.61

Program and Curriculum Modifications for Individual Students

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As further provided under state law, any student's parent or guardian, or the student if the parent or guardian is notified, may submit a written request asking the District to approve and provide the student with program or curriculum modifications, including but not limited to the following:

1. Modifications within the student's current academic program.
2. A school-facilitated work training or work study program.
3. Homebound study, including District-approved correspondence courses, tutoring provided by the District, or other courses of study approved by the District.
4. Enrollment in any alternative public school or program located in the District.
5. Enrollment in any public educational program located outside the District, which may include enrollment pursuant to a contractual agreement between school districts.
6. Enrollment in a qualifying nonsectarian private school or program, or tribal school, located in the District under a contractual tuition agreement as further provided in state law.

The District retains discretion to approve or deny program and curriculum modifications requested under this policy to the extent permitted under applicable laws. The District Administrator or his/her designee, may approve or deny such requests on behalf of the District. In the alternative, the administration may elect to refer a pending request to the School Board for an initial disposition (e.g., when the administration determines that the request has significant financial or operational implications for the District).

Any initial decision made by the Board or by a designee of the Board in response to a parent-initiated or student-initiated request for a program or curriculum modification under this policy shall be reviewed (or reconsidered) by the Board upon the request of the student's parent or guardian (or upon the request of an adult student, if applicable).

In addition to parent-initiated and student-initiated requests for a program or curriculum modification:

1. The District may approve and implement a discretionary program or curriculum modification for an individual student following a District-initiated referral and a District determination such modification would be appropriate for the student, provided that the District obtains consent for the modification from the student's parent or guardian (or from an adult student) whenever such consent is required by any applicable law.
2. Where required by law in certain situations involving a child's truancy, the District shall include consideration of possible program or curriculum modifications in connection with educational counseling that is offered to address the child's truancy.

