

	<b>ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NEPN Code: JEAA</b>
	<b>POLICIES AND REGULATIONS</b>	

## **STUDENTS ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION**

Children of compulsory school age must regularly attend school, either public, nonpublic, or alternative instruction.

### **Notification:**

Notification of alternative instruction must be submitted on the South Dakota Department of Education notification form that declares the child will be provided with alternative instruction. The notification may be submitted electronically through the SD Department of Education's online system or by providing the completed paper notification form to the District or the SD Department of Education. If the District receives a completed paper notification form, the District will date and sign or stamp the form acknowledging receipt of the notification and provide a copy to the parent, guardian or other person having control of the child. The District will then provide the completed paper notification form to the SD Department of Education. The notification will be kept confidential.

The alternative instruction notification shall be submitted to the SD Department of Education or the District within thirty (30) days from the first time the child begins an alternative instruction program, enrolls in a public or nonpublic school, or moves to a different school district.

Upon filing of a notification with the SD Department of Education or the District from the parent, guardian or other person having control of the child, the SD Department of Education or the District has been notified that the child is being provided with alternative instruction.

### **Enrollment on Partial Basis:**

Upon request from a child's parent or legal guardian, the District will admit a child who is a resident of the District who is being provided alternative instruction to enroll in one or more classes, while receiving alternative instruction for the balance of his or her education. Upon enrollment, the partially enrolled alternative instruction students must comply with the District's rules and procedures and have the same rights and responsibilities as publicly enrolled students.

### **Open Enrollment:**

School board approval is required in order for a nonresident alternative instruction student to be enrolled in the District, in accordance with the District's open enrollment policy.

### **Withdrawal of Alternative Instruction Notification:**

A child's parent or legal guardian or other person having control of the child must submit a status change notification using the SD Department of Education notification form, either through the SD Department of Education's online notification system or by providing the completed paper notification form to the District or the SD Department of Education indicating an intent to withdraw the alternative instruction notification. Such notification shall be submitted to the SD Department of Education or the District within thirty (30) days after the child enrolls in a public school. The enrollment process for the resident District must be completed at the student's home attendance center.

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**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

SDCL 13-27-1 Responsibility for school attendance  
SDCL 13-27-2 Attendance excused by school board  
SDCL 13-27-29 Placement of child who has attended unaccredited school or alternative program  
SDCL 13-27-3 Child excused if provided alternative instruction  
SDCL 13-27-7 Applications for excuse from attendance  
SDCL 13-27-8 Appeal on attendance matter to state board  
SDCL 13-27-9 Record of certificates of excuse from attendance

**POLICY REFERENCES:**

Aberdeen School District Policy IHBG Participation of Alternative Instruction Students  
Aberdeen School District Policy JEC School Admissions  
Aberdeen School District Policy JGA Enrollment of Students from Non-Accredited Schools  
Aberdeen School District Policy JFAA, JFAA-R Admission of Resident Students  
Aberdeen School District Policy JFB Open Enrollment