

2480 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

High school graduation requirements that satisfy the credit year curriculum provisions aimed at achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) or the NJCCCS for Students with Severe Disabilities set forth and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education may be met by pupils through the program completion option authorized under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1, which allows academic credit to be awarded through alternative learning experiences. The Board of Directors provides a nontraditional program for pupils and credits are awarded based on specific instructional objectives and demonstrated outcomes rather than on time spent in the program. The Board provides alternative schools and programs for students who are not succeeding in their present school setting.

Credit year requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 may be met in whole or in part through program completion as follows:

1. The Board determines and establishes a set number of curricular activities or programs for promotion and graduation purposes;
2. The program is planned for individual pupils or groups of pupils based upon specific instructional objectives;
3. The Principal certifies completion of curricular activities or programs based upon specific instructional objectives;
4. A group program based on specific instructional objectives is approved in the same manner as other approved courses. Individual programs will be on file in the school and subject to review by the Commissioner of Education and/or designee.

The Superintendent shall submit to the New Jersey Department of Education an application seeking approval of an alternative school program and/or an individualized program plan. The review and approval of the program application shall be made by the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools

in accordance with State law and the pertinent State Board of Education regulations and guidelines. No Commission program shall be implemented until the approval of The New Jersey Department of Education is received by the Superintendent.

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1
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