
OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Background

Some high school students will benefit from receiving their programming in an alternate site. The Division will respond by providing Outreach programs in alternative learning communities or stand-alone schools.

Procedures

1. Suitable programs will be provided for junior and senior high school students who desire to complete an educational program but cannot succeed in a regular school setting.
 - 1.1 The Outreach program will provide service to:
 - 1.1.1 Students who are between thirteen (13) and nineteen (19) years of age and who are not successfully completing a program of studies in a regular junior/high school setting.
 - 1.1.2 A young adult with personal challenges (e.g., family problems, substance abuse, school absenteeism and failure, low self-esteem) that conventional schools may not accommodate;
 - 1.1.3 An adult student, over nineteen (19) years of age, who wants to earn a Diploma; and
 - 1.1.4 Students as directed by the Board.
 - 1.2 Outreach students, based in part on their personal goals, will be identified as:
 - 1.2.1 Full-time: students targeting to complete forty (40) credits or more in the school year.
 - 1.2.2 Part-time: student who will complete less than twenty (20) credits in the school year.
 - 1.2.3 Adult students.
 - 1.3 Outreach schools will be continuous entry schools.
 - 1.4 A learning plan will be developed based on the individual needs of each student.
 - 1.5 Courses offered in Outreach programs will be in accordance with the Alberta Programs of Study.
 - 1.6 Students wishing to register in the Registered Apprenticeship Program or Work Experience must register in at least one (1) academic course through the Outreach School.
2. As per the Education Act, Outreach programs can exist as stand-alone schools or can be an extension of a traditional school.
3. The provision of appropriate supervision for Outreach students is necessary.

- 3.1 Candidates who wish to enroll in the Outreach program will:
 - 3.1.1 Complete the admissions package which includes a questionnaire, and written declaration of intent demonstrating an understanding of the democratic and academic principles of the program;
 - 3.1.2 Participate in an interview with school administration or designate.
4. The evaluation of Outreach student progress will be provided.
 - 4.1 Student performance will be continuously monitored by means of:
 - 4.1.1 Module completion in Distance Learning courses;
 - 4.1.2 PAT/Diploma Examination results.
 - 4.1.3 All students will make an appointment with an Outreach instructor every week for a progress report.
5. Outreach programs must operate on a sound financial basis.
 - 5.1 The principal of the Outreach program will access available funding from all funding sources.
 - 5.2 Outreach students will pay required fees.

Reference: Section 3,11,13,18,19,33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act
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