

## 503.6AP – Alternate Programs or Schools

### Purpose

The Board of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools may establish alternative programs or schools to meet the intellectual and social development needs of students who require a learning situation not provided in existing schools and district programs. The Board will consider a proposal for the establishment of an alternative school or program when the following requirements have been met:

1. a proposed program or school meets the requirement of the *School Act* and Regulations, the provincial and district prescribed curriculum;
2. a proposed program or school will have a statement of philosophy and objectives;
3. a proposed program or school will be open to application by any student in the district. Where selection of students is required because of the nature of the program or limitations of space, the criteria and process for selection will be approved by the Board as part of the program or school proposal;
4. a proposed program or school will have provisions for students, parents and staff to participate in discussions and decisions where appropriate about the philosophy and curriculum of their public school system;
5. a proposed program or school can maintain enrolment without students receiving special transportation assistance from the District;
6. a proposed program or school can be sustained with a level of funding consistent with similar district programs.

### Legal References:

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