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**67-16-01-01. Definition and eligibility.**

For purposes of this chapter, "alternative high school" means a school, or alternative school within the same building of an existing school, created for students completing required coursework leading to high school graduation through methods apart from the traditional high school model. Any public school district in North Dakota may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for establishment of an alternative high school for students from the ages of sixteen to twenty-one. The alternative high school shall be under the administration of a public school district.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e), 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e)

**67-16-01-02. Applications.**

Applications provided by the department of public instruction require the following information:

1. Name and address of the high school district through which the alternative high school is provided.
2. Names and addresses of any school districts that have entered into cooperative agreements approved by the department of public instruction and will be providing authorization to students in their district to attend this alternative high school.
3. A description of the alternative high school as follows:
  - a. The setting and location of the alternative high school, including the schedule that the alternative high school will be available to students.
  - b. Information on the staffing of the alternative high school.
  - c. Detailed description of the delivery model and instructional supports.
  - d. Descriptions or explanations of what makes the alternative high school different from the traditional high school model.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e), 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e)

**67-16-01-03. Certification.**

The school district must certify that the alternative high school will be in compliance with the provisions of statute by providing the signature of the board chairperson and the school district superintendent.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-06-06, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-06-06

**67-16-01-04. Courses.**

If an alternative high school is authorized by the superintendent of public instruction under this chapter, courses in the alternative high school need not meet the minimum curriculum in North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-21-02, but all courses must lead toward graduation for each of the participants.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective April 1, 2010; January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-21-02(7), 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e)

**67-16-01-05. Students.**

Students must be from the ages of sixteen to twenty-one to be reported for foundation aid payments in the alternative high school.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e), 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-27-03.1(1)(e)

**67-16-01-06. Monitoring.**

The department of public instruction will monitor alternative high schools by reviewing annual documentation including fall reports and completion rate data:

1. Annual compliance report.
2. School calendar.
3. MIS03 certified personnel record.
4. Enrollment report.

**History:** Effective January 1, 2000; amended effective January 1, 2023.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-06-06, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-06-06

**67-16-01-07. Cooperative alternative programs.**

Repealed effective January 1, 2023.

**67-16-01-08. Payments.**

Repealed effective January 1, 2023.