

Maryville City Board of Education

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The Maryville City Schools Board of Education shall operate an alternative school program for students in grades 6-12 who have been suspended or expelled from regular school programs.¹ Once a student has enrolled in an alternative program, attendance shall be mandatory.

Students attending an alternative school shall provide their own transportation. The Director of Schools may approve an exception to the transportation policy for documented hardship. The Director of Schools shall develop procedures regarding the application and review process for transportation.

Teachers in alternative programs shall be certified by the state and shall be selected on the basis of interest and ability to work in alternative situations.

Alternative school programs shall be operated in accordance with state laws and the rules of the State Board of Education² and instruction shall proceed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the instructional programs at the student's home school.

The student shall be subject to all rules of the alternative program and school district. Violations of such rules may result in the student's removal from the alternative setting for the duration of the original intended suspension or expulsion. Violation of rules shall not constitute grounds for extension of time spent in the alternative program. The final decision on such removal shall be made by the administrator of the alternative program and the Director of Schools.

Students found to be eligible for special education and/or 504 services shall be placed and served in accordance with the law and rules relating to such services.

TRANSITION PLANS³

The Director of Schools/designee shall develop procedures regarding the implementation of transition plans for the integration of students entering and exiting the program.

The Director of Schools and/or designee is authorized to develop appropriate procedures to implement this policy and to ensure compliance with relevant state laws and regulations.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3402(a)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.09
3. State Board of Education Policy 2.302

Cross References

Special Education 4.202
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316
Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6.317
Special Education Students 6.500