



ALTERNATIVES IN EDUCATION

Legal References:	<i>Education Act</i>
Related References:	<i>Regulation 308 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils</i>
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- 1 It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) to encourage and support the development and implementation of a wide range of programs and structures responsive to the needs of individuals within the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, consistent with financial resources available, recognizing that:
 - 1.1. WRDSB has demonstrated its awareness of the needs for alternatives to existing curricula, processes and organizational patterns;
 - 1.2. WRDSB acknowledges that the needs of some individuals may be best met if there are alternatives within the system;
 - 1.3. WRDSB, on many occasions, has anticipated local needs and responded to such needs on its own initiative;
 - 1.4. WRDSB has received the support of the public for many alternatives already in place;
 - 1.5. WRDSB has resources, both physical and human, which make it feasible to offer worthwhile alternative programs under its jurisdiction.
 - 1.6. WRDSB supports both formal and informal review processes to determine the effectiveness of alternative education programs, responds in a timely manner to community and individual needs and demonstrates responsibility in the allocation of resources to support these programs.