

Curriculum & Instruction 8733 Transition to the Alternative Education Program – High School	Administrative Application	
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Preamble

Students in Grade 8 in the Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) who have significant cognitive challenges may qualify for Alternative Education in high school. The decision to place a student in Alternative Education courses require a psycho-educational assessment, observation, and collaborative team meetings along with careful consideration of the formal benefits and implications of such a placement.

Definitions

The Alternative Education Courses are separate from the Regular Education Courses. The courses are designed for students whose needs cannot be met through the Regular Program and are best served by a qualitatively different program.

Completion of an Alternative Education Grade 12 does not currently meet the admission requirements for most post-secondary programs.

Application

1. Program Structure

Alternative Education courses are available to Regina Catholic students at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School only. Students are to transport themselves to school unless there is an identified and approved medical accommodation.

2. Student Population

Although their abilities vary, students requiring an Alternative Education pathway typically experience intellectual disability. All are of high school age.

Criteria:

- these students are of high school age
- have significant learning challenges
- have a psycho-educational assessment in the past five (5) years that indicates a cognitive profile consistent with intellectual development disorder.
- on an Inclusion and Intervention Plan (IIP)

3. Admission Process

- a. The elementary Student Support Team reviews student progress and ensures that the student meet the criteria. The Student Support Team meets with the parents. Communication with the Coordinator of Student Services and/or the Education Leader for Student Services at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School if consultation, clarification or direct support is needed.
- b. The *High School Alternative Education Referral* form is completed by the Learning Resource teacher.
- c. The original forms are placed in the student's cumulative file.
- d. A copy of the forms is sent to two different sites by March 15:
 - i. to the Education Leader responsible for Student Services at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School
 - ii. to the Coordinator of Student Services, Regina Catholic School Division