

<p>Curriculum & Instruction 8733</p> <hr/> <p>Transition to the Alternative Education Program – High School</p>	Administrative Application	
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Preamble

Students in Grade 8 in Regina Catholic Schools who have significant cognitive challenges may qualify for Alternative Education in high school. The decision to place a student in an Alternative Education Program requires assessment, observation, and collaborative team meetings along with careful consideration of the formal benefits and implications of such a placement.

Definitions

The Alternative Education Program is separate from the Regular Education Program. It is 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

The Alternative Education program is available to Regina Catholic students at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School only. Students are to transport themselves to school.

2. Student Population

Although their abilities vary, students requiring an Alternative Education Program are identified as cognitively challenged. All are of high school age.

Criteria:

- these students are of high school age
- have significant learning challenges
- have IQ testing in the past five (5) years that meet the criteria for an intellectual disability
- require a functional academic/life skills program
- on an Inclusion and Intervention Plan (IIP)

3. Admission Process

- a. The elementary Student Support Team reviews student progress and ensures that the student fits the criteria. The Student Support Team meets with the parents.

- 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 1:
 - 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