

*A FORMAL DEFINITION FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION*

- (a) A separate school, or an administrative unit within a school, that claims at least 50% of the school day of its population (teachers as well as students.)*
- (b) A school or unit that is chosen by each student enrolled and by each staff member.*
- (c) A program in which students can remain, and from which they can graduate with a standard high school diploma (or, in the case of junior high or elementary-level alternatives, in which they can progress toward such graduation).*
- (d) A program that pursues educational goals of the same or broader scope as do other programs operating at the same grade levels within the district.*
- (e) A program that provides demonstrably different means for realizing educational goals than do other local schools (different being a matter of curriculum, content, and/or instructional methods and activities); and which provides different means for documenting realization of those goals.*
- (f) A school or unit which deliberately seeks to initiate all participants into active membership within its culture or ethos.*

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