# **Brockton Public Schools School Committee Policy**

#### ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

It is the philosophy of the Brockton Public Schools to provide programs for all its students. Where additional programs and/or environments could facilitate meeting the needs of students and the philosophy and objectives of the School System's, alternative programs may be established.

### **Definition**

Alternative programs are defined as provisions within the public education system which offer major choices among diverse educational environments based on student needs, talents and interests; occupy a significant proportion of an individual student's time; and meet the School System's philosophy and objectives.

# **Development**

Any project shall have been discussed with the Administration and must receive endorsement prior to development.

Alternative programs shall observe all policies and regulations that govern all of the schools and programs of the School System unless specifically waived by the School Committee.

Proposals for alternative programs must include a design for evaluating the effectiveness in achieving the purposes of the program and determining the extent to which it is successful in achieving the philosophy and objectives of the School System. Alternative programs will be reviewed and evaluated annually with a recommendation to the Committee as to continuation of the programs.

## **Approval**

The Committee prior to implementation shall approve alternative programs.

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