

Annual Alternative Education Survey

As Required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3404



Alternative Education as defined by the Advisory Council for Alternative Education:

“A nontraditional academic program designed to meet the student’s educational, behavioral and social needs.”

T.C.A. § 49-6-3402 mandates “at least one (1) alternative school shall be established and available for students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) who have been suspended or expelled.” **T.C.A. § 49-6-3404** also requires that the Department of Education submit a report annually on the status of alternative education in Tennessee. In order to gain a better perspective, the following survey was developed. The information provided to the department will be reported to the Governor, both education committees of the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education. Please complete the following survey and return it to the address listed below.

School System:	Date:
District Alternative Education Coordinator:	Email Address:
Phone Number:	Fax:
Address:	City and Zip Code:
Person Completing Report (if different from above):	Phone Number:

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL(S) OR PROGRAM(S) THAT OPERATED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17:

(For each alternative school/ program, please identify the principal or program coordinator and provide an email address and phone number for each. Please do not include ISS.)

Alternative School/Program Name	Principal/ Program Coordinator	Email Address of Principal/ Program Coordinator	Phone Number for School/ Program

PARTICIPATION (TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS IN YOUR DISTRICT):

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Number of alternative school(s)*			
Number of alternative education program(s)**			
Total number of classroom(s) serving alternative education students			
Total number of students served during the 2016-17 school year			
Number of students placed more than once during the 2016-17 school year			
District’s total capacity (seats)			
Average length of placement (stay) in an alternative setting (number in days)			
Number of certificated staff working in an alternative school/program			
Number of non-certificated staff assigned to an alternative education setting			

	Yes	No
An alternative education advisory committee has been established at the district level		
Attendance at the alternative school is mandatory		
Transportation is provided to the alternative school/program		

*** A facility dedicated solely to alternative education**

**** An alternative education program within a school**

PRIMARY REASON FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT (RANK 1, 2, 3, AND 4):

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Zero tolerance offense (firearm, drugs, aggravated assault)			
Violation of school rules			
Disruptive behavior			
Need for alternative education strategy			
Other (please describe below)			

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL/PROGRAM ELEMENTS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Afterschool or other extended day programming			
Individual behavior plans			
Character education			
Credit recovery			
Distance learning			
Dropout prevention strategies			
Individual and/or family counseling			
Individual learner plans			
Juvenile court partnership			
Life skills			
Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)			
Mental health partnership			
Service learning			
Student drug testing			
Technology based instruction			
Transitions services (a formal plan)*			
Use of level system that encourages appropriate behavior			
Restorative practices			

College and career ready act			
Other (please describe in space given)			

***Mandated requirement under Tenn. Code Ann. §49-6-3402**

NUMBER OF SPECIAL FACULTY/STAFF SERVING ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL/PROGRAM

	K-5	6-8	9-12
ELL Teachers			
School Counselors			
Special Education Teachers			
Social Workers			
School Resource Officers			
Teaching Assistants			
Transition Counselor			
Behavior Specialist			
Other (please describe in space given)			

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

What models or curriculum are you currently implementing in your alternative education classroom(s)?
What technical assistance opportunities would help you as an alternative educator?
What is the greatest challenge facing your alternative education school(s)/programs(s)?
Additional comments/feedback that would be appropriate for the alternative education report to the General Assembly?
What offenses are classified as "zero tolerance" in your school?
Please list any community partners that collaborate with the alternative school/program.

PLEASE EMAIL REPORT NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30** to Pat.Conner@tn.gov