

Regulation Code: 4065-R Alternative Schools/Programs

- A. The ECPS alternative school/program is named Hope Academy.
- B. A student who is at risk may be referred to Hope Academy. Students at risk may have an increased risk of school failure or other unwanted outcomes. At risk students may experience school failure or other outcomes without the placement of interventions to reduce the risk factors. At risk may include individual, personal, financial, familial, social, behavioral, or academic circumstances.
- C. A student at risk for academic failure, social, and/or behavioral problems may be referred to Hope Academy by the parent, guardian, teacher, or school administrator. The student should receive Tier 2/Supplemental interventions through the MTSS model with progress monitoring prior to referral.
- D. After all avenues of interventions and services have been exhausted and a student is referred to Hope Academy. A multidisciplinary team will be convened and will keep the decision-making process open, increase objectivity, fairness, and equity to reduce biased decisions. Principals have discretion to request immediate placement of students. The Hope Academy staff makes the final placement decision.
- E. When a student is placed in alternative learning, the staff of the Hope Academy will meet to review all records from the referring school to determine what support services and interventions strategies are recommended for the students' needs. A contract in the form of a personal education plan should be written for each student which may include synchronous and asynchronous teaching/learning, exceptional children's services, social-emotional learning, restorative practices, and/or local internships.
- F. Once a student meets his/her goals on the personal education plan, the student may exit Hope Academy. Before the student returns to the home school site, the team (Hope Academy staff, Home School site staff, and the student) will enter in a contract specifying the expectations to ensure success that the student must follow upon return to the home school site. The staff at the home school will continue to work with the student to ensure growth and success at school.

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