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2 The Board shall operate an alternative school program for students in grades 6-12 who have been
3 suspended or expelled from regular school programs.¹ Except students who are eligible for special
4 education, such change in a student's program shall be determined by the disciplinary hearing authority in
5 accordance with the suspension policy of the Board and based upon recommendations from a team
6 composed of the principal, the school guidance counselor and the student, with or without the parents
7 being present. Students attending the Night Alternative School Program shall provide their own
8 transportation.²

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10 Teachers in alternative schools shall be certified by the state and shall be selected on the basis of interest
11 and ability to work in alternative situations.

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13 Student-teacher ratios shall be small enough to allow for adequate instruction but shall be determined by
14 the age, behavior and academic achievement of students in the program.

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16 Sufficient textbooks, equipment and supplies shall be provided by the home school.

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18 Alternative school programs shall be operated in accordance with the rules of the State Board of
19 Education and instruction shall proceed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the instructional
20 programs at the student's home school.³ All course work completed and credits earned in the alternative
21 school shall be transferred to and recorded in the student's home school.² Credit earned and progress
22 made shall be granted as if the work were performed in the home school.

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24 The student shall be subject to all rules of the school and violations of such rules may result in the
25 student's removal from the school for the duration of the original intended suspension or expulsion.^{3,1}
26 Violation of school rules shall not constitute grounds for extension of time spent in the alternative school.
27 The final decision on such removal shall be made by the chief administrator of the alternative school.

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29 Students found to be eligible for special education in related circumstances shall be placed and served in
30 accordance with the law and rules relating to special education.

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33 Legal References:

- 34 1. T.C.A. § 49-6-3402.
35 2. C.S.C. v. Knox County Board of Education 2006 W.L. 3731304 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006).
36 3. Tennessee Administrative Rules and Regulations § 0520-1-2-.09(2).

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