

The Columbia County Board of Education Alternative School (Alternative School) **is a school offered in appropriate cases by the school district as an option for students in lieu of long-term suspension or expulsion from school or for students who are** returning from the Youth Detention Center, a boot camp, a detention center, **or** an alternative educational setting in another school system.

Each student attending the Alternative School will be required to participate in a contract to include appropriate behavior, regular attendance, **mandatory drug and alcohol awareness education**, and any other expectation of the program. While in attendance at **the** Alternative School, students are not eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities at the home school.

The Alternative School will operate under the guidance of a local collaboration comprised of students, parents, representatives of the local business community, the Health Department, the Department of Family and Children Services, and representative(s) from the local Board of Education. Functions include, but are not limited to, planning and supporting the implementation of the program and participating in training programs conducted by the state consortium/department.

PROCEDURE: YES

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