

## **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Some children have great difficulty coping with the conventional school program and as a result will drop out of school. Some children require more support and direct supervision than is reasonably available in conventional school settings. And, some children, along with a highly structured academic experience, require a special focus on life skills and an appropriate vocational involvement.

The School Committee may provide alternative education programs where these needs have been identified, where establishment of such programs is feasible, and where the proposed programs fall within the function normally associated with the public school system.

These alternative educational programs will seek to provide an appropriate academic, social, and vocational experience to aid these young people either to reenter the regular school system, move into another educational setting, or prepare them for successful employment.

LEGAL REFS.:       M.G.L. 71:371; 71:37J  
                          Board of Education Regulations Pertaining to Section 8 of Chapter 636 of the  
                          Acts of 1974, Regarding Magnet School Facilities and Magnet Educational  
                          Programs, adopted 2/25/75