

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLAN

The Gracemont Board of Education has adopted a plan for alternative education for any student within the system who would meet requirements for placement, which would revolve around the district's needs assessment. At the time the plan was adopted, the needs assessment verified that the Gracemont Public Schools had no current dropout rate.

Considering that no current or past problems were identified by the school needs assessment, a plan for alternative education has been developed for use if the need arises.

1. Appropriate local agencies will be notified to work in cooperation with the Gracemont school system to serve any student identified. Additionally, the district's special education teachers will be instrumental in working to help identify needs of those students and the appropriate agencies to be contacted based upon the specific situation.
2. A statement of alternatives to public education has been adopted and is available to parents of students in need.
3. Forms for the withdrawal for private and home schooling have been developed for the parents of students seeking alternative education.
4. The superintendent of schools will be the contact person for the alternative education program.

A needs assessment will be conducted by the school district. Through this needs assessment monitoring for dropout/high-risk students, intervention may begin at the earliest possible time during which correction of a problem may be easier to accomplish.

Each alternative education plan will be reviewed and amended as necessary to meet the changing needs of the students, especially those at risk of not completing school. The plan will be submitted as an inclusive part of the Gracemont Comprehensive Local Education Plan.

The superintendent will monitor attendance and consult with special education and other classroom teachers, and will be open to referrals for potentially high-risk students. These high risk students may be referred by the superintendent, the parents, special education teachers, or any combination thereof, for any or all of the following, but not limited to:

- Counseling
- Various forms of psychological testing
- Academic testing
- Intelligence testing
- Other forms of testing deemed necessary

The Gracemont school district will work closely with available Caddo County Cooperative resource personnel.

The alternative education plan will be placed on file at the superintendent's office and will be made available to the public upon request.