

Chapter PI 44

GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Note: Chapter PI 44 was created as an emergency rule effective January 28, 2000.

PI 44.01 Purpose. Under s. 115.366, Stats., beginning in the 2000-2001 school year, school districts and consortia of school districts may apply to the state superintendent for an alternative education program grant as defined by the state superintendent. This chapter sets forth criteria and procedures for awarding alternative education program grants.

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PI 44.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Alternative education program" means an instructional program, approved by the school board, that utilizes successful alternative or adaptive school structures and teaching techniques and that is incorporated into existing, traditional classrooms or regularly scheduled curricular programs or that is offered in place of regularly scheduled curricular programs. "Alternative educational program" does not include a private school or a home-based private educational program.

(2) "Consortia of school districts" means a school board in cooperation with another school board under an agreement under s. 66.0301, Stats., or a cooperative educational service agency board under s. 116.032, Stats.

(3) "School board" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (7), Stats.

(4) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction for the state of Wisconsin.

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PI 44.03 Eligible applicants and program requirements. (1) A school district or a consortia of school districts may apply to the state superintendent for a grant under this chapter.

(2) An alternative education program funded under this chapter shall be designed for pupils having difficulty succeeding in the regular school setting as evidenced by, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Academic failure.
- (b) Truancy.
- (c) Expulsion or suspension.
- (d) Disruptive behavior.
- (e) Criminal involvement.
- (f) Violent behavior.
- (g) Alcohol and other drug abuse involvement.

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PI 44.04 Grant application requirements. Annually, an eligible applicant under this chapter shall submit an application that includes all of the following:

- (1) The need for the alternative education program.
- (2) The type of pupils who will be served by the alternative education program.
- (3) Evidence of collaboration and coordination to develop or maintain partnerships that will help facilitate the alternative education program.

(4) An outline of the measurable program goals, objectives, activities, and related timelines of the alternative education program.

(5) A schedule for implementation of the alternative education program.

(6) An explanation of how the alternative education program will continue at the completion of the grant period.

(7) A description of how the alternative education program will be evaluated during its implementation and at the conclusion of the grant period.

Note: Form PI-9710, Alternative Education Program Grant Application, may be obtained at no charge from the Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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PI 44.05 Review of applications and awarding of grants. (1) The state superintendent, annually, shall establish funding limits for programs under this chapter based on the amount appropriated for the program under s. 20.255 (2) (cf), Stats.. The state superintendent shall inform school districts of the funding limits by letter which will accompany application materials for a program under this chapter.

(2) The state superintendent shall determine the amount of funds to be awarded to each applicant. The state superintendent shall award grants for a 5 year period, if funding is available, as follows:

(a) A grant shall be awarded at 100% of the amount originally granted for the first 3 years.

(b) A grant shall be awarded at 60% of the amount originally granted for the fourth year.

(c) A grant shall be awarded at 40% of the amount originally granted for the fifth year.

(3) The state superintendent shall determine which of the applicants will receive grants under this chapter using the following criteria:

(a) Programs in which the goals and objectives relate to the desired effect of the alternative education program.

(b) Programs in which activities are appropriate to the goals and objectives of the alternative education program.

(c) Programs that demonstrate the adequacy of the schedule of implementation and the extent to which continuation of the program activities is ensured after the grant period is completed.

(d) Programs that benefit the greatest number of school districts and pupils. Therefore, preference in awarding grants may be given to programs developed and operated in cooperation with other school districts or CESA boards.

(4) The state superintendent shall also consider the following criteria in determining which applicants will receive grants:

(a) To the extent possible, the grants shall be distributed equally throughout the state. Therefore, preference in awarding grants may be given to programs developed and operated by rural school districts.

(b) To the extent possible, grants shall be awarded to school districts of varying sizes, as determined by district enrollment.

(5) Grants awarded may not be used to supplant alternative education program funding received from other local, state or federal sources.

(6) Grant recipients shall agree to participate in any state level evaluations of the program as required by the state superintendent.

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