

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The School Board for the Bristol Virginia Public Schools hereby gives the division superintendent or his designee the authority that may require any student to attend an alternative education program who has been (1) charged with an offense relating to the laws of Virginia, or with a violation of school board policies, on weapons, alcohol or drugs, or intentional injury to another person; (2) found guilty or not innocent of an offense relating to Virginia's laws on weapons, alcohol, or drugs, or of a crime that resulted in or could have resulted in injury to others, or for which the disposition ordered by a court is required to be disclosed to the superintendent of the school division pursuant to Va. Code sec. 16.1-305.1 (3) found to have committed a serious offense or repeated offenses in violation of school board policies; (4) suspended pursuant to Va. Code sec. 22.1-277.05; or (5) expelled pursuant to Va. Code secs. 22.1-277.06, 22.1-277.07, or 22.1-277.08 or subsection B of Va. Code sec. 22.1-277.

The division superintendent will provide:

- (1) Written notice to the student and his parent(s) that the student will be required to attend an alternative program; and
- (2) Notice of the opportunity for the student or his parent to participate in a hearing conducted by the division superintendent or his designee regarding such placement. The decision of the superintendent or his designee regarding such placement shall be final unless altered by the school board, upon receipt by the division superintendent of written petition for review by the School Board within five (5) business days, by the student or his parent for a review of the record by the school board.

As used herein, "charged" means that a petition or warrant has been filed or is pending against a pupil.

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