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## ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The philosophy of the Chicopee Public Schools is to provide an appropriate and meaningful educational experience for all its students.

### **Focus and Development**

Some children have a great deal of difficulty achieving educational success in the traditional school setting. As a result, these students may become “at risk” for dropping out of school. These children require a more supportive environment than can reasonably be made available in the traditional school setting. These identified children may benefit from a highly structured academic program with a greater level of direct supervision and staff interaction. This alternative environment will focus on providing an individualistic style of learning while promoting pro-social skills and good citizenship.

### **Approval**

The School Committee will provide alternative education programs where the need has been identified and the establishment of such programs is feasible and its function is clearly associated with the public school system.

### **Mission**

The alternative school programs will seek to provide an appropriate academic, social and Career Technical experience. To either aid these young people to re-enter the traditional school setting, move into another educational setting, or prepare them for successful employment.

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2nd reading: Reg SC Mtg 5/7/08

*\*Please refer to the Referral and Transfer Protocol (File: I19.1) located in the Chicopee Public Schools Procedures Manual.*