

**ALTERNATIVE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (ACE)**

The Governing Board wishes to maintain for students the optional alternative educational program known as Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) program. This alternative program of choice offers a program with the structure and learning philosophy to accommodate different student's needs, interests, and learning styles.

*(cf. 6181 Alternative Schools- Programs of Choice)*

The ACE Charter School's philosophy of education honors and supports each individual's unique development. ACE's goal is to empower children to reach their potential in a supportive atmosphere where they experience joy, creativity, and self-confidence while learning about themselves and the world around them.

Essential components of the ACE School's philosophy that are integral to the goals include:

- Cooperative support between students, parents, and teachers;
- Multi-age classrooms and groupings;
- Alternative assessment;
- Extended learning experiences linking the classroom to the world in which we live.

The ACE curriculum and instruction design is based on integrated thematic curriculum, multi-age classrooms, differentiated instruction, cooperative learning, extended learning experiences, authentic assessment, and teacher team collaboration and family participation. All instruction is based on California State Standards

The Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) program shall be operated in a manner to maximize the opportunity for improvement of the general school curriculum by innovative methods and ideas developed within the alternative school operation and to improve the general level of education for students. In addition, the characteristics of the program include:

- That it shall be voluntary for both teachers and students
- Previous classroom performance is not a criterion for enrollment
- It be maintained and funded at the same level as other district schools
- There is to be an Annual Report to the Board

(Education Code 58510)

District administration shall collaborate with ACE parents and teachers in developing administrative regulations and a Program Manual that establish ACE curriculum, instruction, design and scheduling.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**ALTERNATIVE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (ACE) (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*35160 Authority of governing boards*

*35160.1 Broad authority of school districts*

*35160.5 District policies; rules and*

*regulations 35291 Rules*

*35350 Transportation of students*

*35351 Assignment of students to particular schools*

*29 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 63*

*GOVERNMENT CODE*

*53312.7 Establishment of community facilities district; goals and policies Jackson v. Pasadena City School*

*District (1963) 59 Cal. 2nd 876, 879 Crawford v. Board of Education (1976) 17 Cal.3d 280*