

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Students who are having difficulties maintaining passing grades in regular high school due to reasons such as: excessive absences, conflicts, health reasons, or have fallen behind in credits may request placement in the Belle Fourche Alternative School.

- Students must have a minimum of 10 credits to enroll or have completed four semesters of high school.
- Students need to be competent readers.
- Students need to enroll in Belle Fourche High School to be considered an Alternative School candidate.
- Students interested in Alternative School need to completely fill out an application packet and return it to the Alternative School before they can be considered for enrollment.
- Students and their parents need to meet with the principal and counselor before placement is considered.
- Students and their parents need to meet with Alternative School staff before placement is considered.
- Students 21 years old or older may not enroll.
- Alternative School students who have successfully met their graduation requirements set forth by the State and School District will receive their diploma at the school board meeting that follows the completion of their program.
- Students must comply with all rules and guidelines established at the Alternative School. (These include but are not limited to attendance, tardies, disciplinary infractions, and being gainfully employed.)
- Students enrolled in the Alternative School will not participate in extra activities offered through Belle Fourche High School (sports, plays, music, band, academic competitions, and clubs). Students enrolled in the Alternative School will be using their time to successfully complete the academic requirements needed for graduation.
- Students who completed their course work at the Alternative school will receive a Belle Fourche High School diploma.
- Alternative School students will graduate upon completion of the Belle Fourche District and State graduation requirements. They may graduate early.
- Students enrolled in the Alternative School must provide their own transportation to and from school. No transportation is provided by the District.
- The principal may waive or modify any of the guidelines due to extraordinary circumstances.