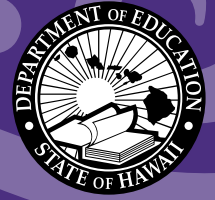


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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMS BRANCH

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The **Alternative Learning Programs (ALP) Branch** provides statewide support to schools, complex areas and districts for the development, maintenance and enhancement of Alternative Learning Programs, Services and Supports (ALPSS) for at-promise students.

ALP provides services such as:

- Support to schools, complex areas and districts to start, maintain and enhance ALPSS.
- A network of ALPSS professionals with professional development and professional learning community opportunities.
- Coordination and facilitation of the State ALPSS Guidance Committee.
- Coordination and facilitation of the State ALPSS Leadership Workgroup.
- Technical and professional support to the school and complex area leadership.



Alternative Learning Programs, Services and Supports (ALPSS)

ALPSS (formerly known as Comprehensive School Alienation Program) strives to provide supportive and nurturing environments that help students to grow, thrive, overcome challenges, and rise above adversity to succeed.

ALPSS assists at-promise students to improve their academic competencies and enable them to meet HIDOE adopted state standards and graduation requirements. Within the ALPSS setting, innovative instructional strategies are applied to re-engage and engage students in learning. Students are assisted in developing appropriate behaviors and social-emotional competencies. ALPSS provides transitional support services as at-promise students move from school to alternative programs, reenter school successfully, graduate from high school, and prepare for positive post-secondary outcomes. Parent engagement is an essential part of the program and is consistent with the goal of partnering with the family/parents as a member of the ALPSS team.

ALPSS supports students who are experiencing difficulty in their traditional learning environment (classrooms or schools) and may be better served in at the school level Empowerment Opportunity (EO) or complex area/district level Alternative Learning Opportunity (ALO).

Empowerment Opportunity (EO)

EO (formerly known as Special Motivation Class) or “eō” is a calling to be present and attend. This environment highly values students’ presence, perspectives and aspirations in the classroom and program setting. Students are empowered and influence the design of their educational path and learning experiences through student choice practices.

Alternative Learning Opportunity (ALO)

The ALO (formerly known as Alternative Learning Center) serves as the “alo” or upper path for students to ascend to success. ALOs provide a higher level of support with a focus on increasing social and emotional learning skills. ALOs provide most, if not all, educational supports and services within the ALO setting.