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Are alternative schools synonymous with charters schools or do they have separate, technical definitions?

Charter School	Alternative School
FUNDING PURPOSES:	
No minimum average daily membership (ADM) to receive an independent adjusted for school size.	Must have a minimum ADM of 175 to receive a school size adjustment independently. If under the minimum ADM they are added to the highest school in the district and then adjusted for school size.
DEFINITIONAL DIFFERENCES:	
Alaska Statutes govern charter schools under 14.03.250 - .290 . (a) A charter school operates as a school in the local school district except that the charter school (1) is exempt from the local school district's textbook, program, curriculum, and scheduling requirements; (2) is exempt from AS 14.14.130(c); the principal of the charter school shall be selected by the academic policy committee and shall select, appoint, or otherwise supervise employees of the charter school; and (3) operates under the charter school's annual program budget as set out in the contract between the local school board and the charter school.	An alternative school holds the definition under regulation (4 AAC 09.990(a)(1)) as a program that is designed to target a specific population for specialized instruction outside of the traditional school process and is not a correspondence program. Examples of alternative schools include treatment facilities, schools for the deaf and blind, and youth facilities.