



CHAPTER 127A

ARTICLE 18 - TARHEEL CHALLENGE ACADEMY

N.C.G.S. § 127A-221.

Definitions.

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The following definitions apply for the purposes of this Article:

Academy. - Tarheel Challenge Academy, a Division of the North Carolina National Guard.

Alternative learning program. - A program offered by the Academy that provides specialized services for at-risk students outside of a standard classroom setting. Services should be designed to meet the needs of students who have not been successful in the traditional school setting.

Eligible participant. - An individual who meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Is a minimum of 16 years of age and a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of entry into the program.
- b. Has failed to complete or has left school for any reason before graduation or completion of a program of studies without transferring to another school and has not received a certificate from a program of equivalency or has not progressed in a traditional high school setting.
- c. A citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- d. Unemployed or underemployed.
- e. Not currently on parole or probation and not accused or convicted of a crime that would be considered a felony if the individual was an adult.
- f. Free from use of illegal drugs or substances.
- g. Physically and mentally capable to participate in the alternative learning program. (2021-180, s. 19E.2(a).)

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