



Position Statement

The Mission of the International Association for Learning Alternatives (IALA) is to “Lead, promote and support learning alternatives in education”.

Research shows that parents and learners must have *choices* of educational programs that meet their needs. Because not all children learn the same, state and federal legislative policy should require a variety of educational models.

IALA supports changes to federal legislation (NCLB) that will:

1. Encourage *program autonomy* by exempting learning alternatives from NCLB mandates and creating innovative pilot sites that allow for open enrollment.
2. Allow additional *multiple measures* beyond standardized tests, to assess individual student progress and program/school quality.
3. Provide for *flexible teacher licensing* to recognize unique talents that support innovative learning strategies.