1. **Purpose**

The Joint Operating Committee operates an Alternate Diploma Program which successfully serves at-risk students from each of the five (5) participating Carbon County districts. The program is not designed for students with a record of serious disciplinary infractions. The program includes the following:

1. Full-day program based at the CCTI campus.
2. Personalized academic attention/credit recovery.
3. Supervised work experience.
4. Graduation project.

The mission of the Alternate Diploma Program shall be to provide an alternative educational setting in which students find success and attain a diploma, having been unable to do so in a traditional setting. With an emphasis on self-esteem and personalized educational preparation, targeted students shall complete the necessary requirements to obtain a high school diploma.

2. **Guidelines**

Students served by the Alternate Diploma Program shall gain admission based on the criteria of dropout potential, and acceptable entrance exam scores. Students shall be jointly admitted by the Carbon Career & Technical Institute and participating district personnel.

A mandatory preadmission conference shall be held for each student seeking entry into the program. The conference shall include:

1. Parent/Guardian, for students under the age of eighteen (18), and, as applicable, social service involvement.
2. Full disclosure of the student’s school record and other pertinent information.
3. Agreement that the Alternate Diploma Program is a viable option for the student based on the student’s school record – disciplinary records in particular. The
Alternative Diploma Program is not a viable option for students who have been previously disenrolled from the program.

4. Use of a performance contract, as appropriate.

The Alternate Diploma Program shall be based on an expectation of student progress, leading to a diploma from Carbon Career & Technical Institute. In general, no student shall be enrolled in the alternate diploma program for a period greater than six (6) trimesters. Disenrollment from the program may occur if attendance is unsatisfactory. Disenrollment from the program will occur for failure to adhere to policies and procedures. Disenrollment from the program may also occur when it is determined that satisfactory progress is not being made.