

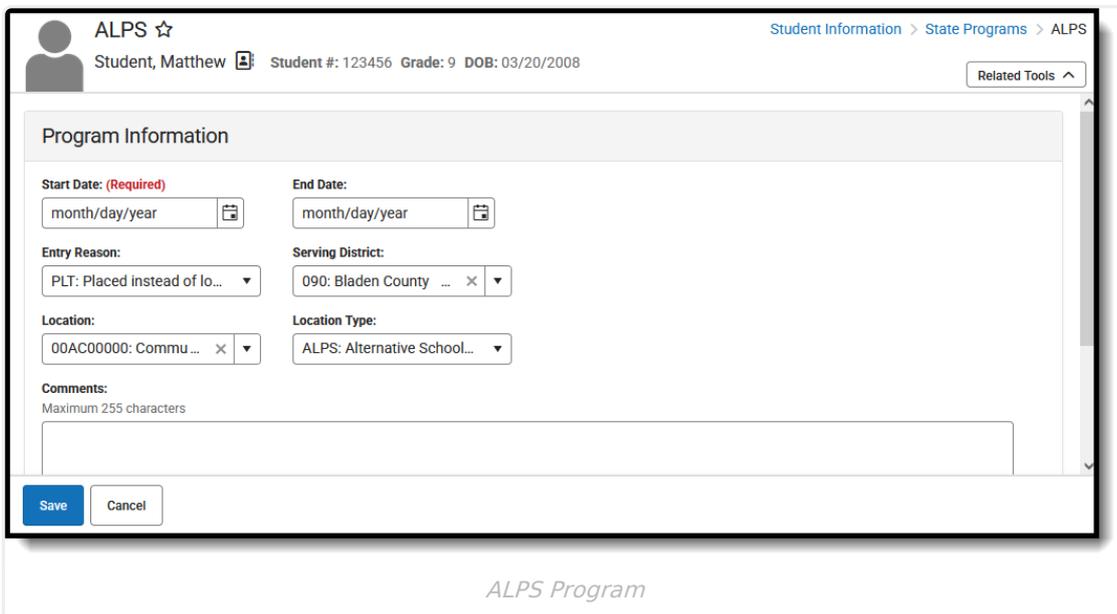
Alternative Learning Programs and Schools (ALPS) (North Carolina)

Last Modified on 02/25/2026 11:09 am CST

[State Definitions of ALPS](#) | [Add an ALPS Record](#) | [End an ALPS Record](#) | [Print an ALPS Summary Report](#) | [ALPS Field Descriptions](#)

Tool Search: ALPS

Alternative Learning Programs Support and Schools (ALPS) are safe, orderly, caring, and inviting learning environments that assist students with overcoming challenges that may place them at risk of academic failure. Each program and school aims to provide a rigorous education while developing individual student strengths, talents, and interests.



The screenshot shows the 'ALPS' form for a student named Matthew. The form is titled 'Program Information' and contains the following fields:

- Start Date:** (Required) month/day/year
- End Date:** month/day/year
- Entry Reason:** PLT: Placed instead of lo...
- Serving District:** 090: Bladen County ...
- Location:** 00AC00000: Commu ...
- Location Type:** ALPS: Alternative School...
- Comments:** Maximum 255 characters

Buttons for 'Save' and 'Cancel' are located at the bottom left of the form. The breadcrumb trail at the top right reads: Student Information > State Programs > ALPS.

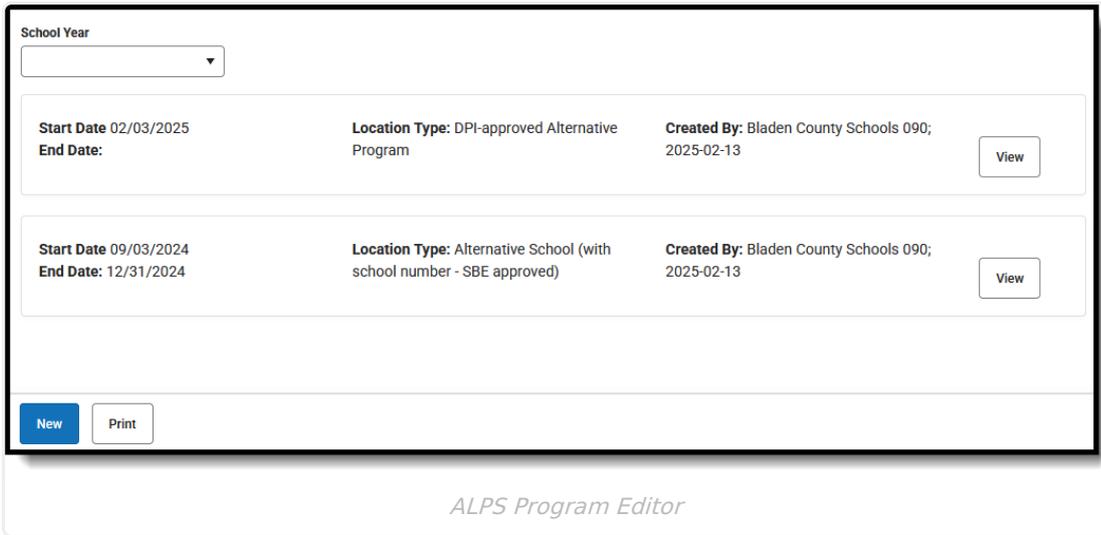
See the [State Programs Tool Rights](#) article for information about tool rights needed to use this and other State Programs tools.

Users may create as many ALPS records for a student as needed. However, record dates may NOT overlap. To create a new record, users must end date the current record.

Use the [Federal/State Program Updater](#) tool to import ALPS to this tool.

This tool is available in both State and District Editions. For State Edition users, this tool is read-only.

The main view of the ALPS record is the Program Editor, which lists all ALPS records in chronological order (most recent record is listed first) that have been recorded for the student.



School Year

Start Date 02/03/2025
End Date:

Location Type: DPI-approved Alternative Program

Created By: Bladen County Schools 090; 2025-02-13

View

Start Date 09/03/2024
End Date: 12/31/2024

Location Type: Alternative School (with school number - SBE approved)

Created By: Bladen County Schools 090; 2025-02-13

View

New Print

ALPS Program Editor

To view details of any of the records, click **View**. This opens the Program Detail for the selected record, where information can be viewed or modified.

State Definitions of ALPS

An alternative learning program is defined as a school or program that serves students at any level, serves suspended or expelled students, serves students whose learning styles are better served in an alternative program, or provides individualized programs outside of a standard classroom setting in a caring atmosphere in which students learn the skills necessary to redirect their lives. ALPS are limited to programs that also meet the following criteria:

- Provide the primary instruction for selected at-risk students outside the standard classroom;
- Enroll students for a designated period of time (not drop-in);
- Offer course credit or grade level promotion credit in core academic areas; and/or
- Assist the student in meeting requirements for graduation.

See the [North Carolina Department of Education](#) website for additional information.

Add an ALPS Record

1. Click **New**. The ALPS Detail displays.
2. Add the **Start Date** for the record.
3. Select the **Entry Reason**.

4. Select the student's **Serving District**.
5. Select the **Location** where the student attends the ALPS program.
6. Select the **Location Type** for the program.
7. Enter any additional **Comments** about the student's ALPS program.
8. Click **Save**.

End an ALPS Record

When the student has stopped receiving services for the particular program, edit the record and add an **End Date**. Then save. That record has now ended and a new record, when necessary, can be added.

Print an ALPS Summary Report

From the Program Editor view, click **Print Summary Report** to display a PDF report of the student's ALPS records.

North Carolina State <small>Generated on 02/13/2025 12:27:10 PM Page 1 of 1</small>		Alternative Education Summary <small>Grade: 9 Birthdate: 03/20/2008 State ID: :</small>	
Start Date: 02/03/2025	End Date:	Created By: Bladen County Schools 090 02/13/2025	
Entry Reason: Placed after EC Hearing for academic reasons Serving District: 090 Comments:	Location: Community-based or other ALP program	Location Type: DPI-approved Alternative Program	
Start Date: 09/03/2024	End Date: 12/31/2024	Created By: Bladen County Schools 090 02/13/2025	
Entry Reason: Placed instead of long-term suspension Serving District: 090 Comments:	Location: Community-based or other ALP program	Location Type: Alternative School (with school number - SBE approved)	

ALPS Summary Report

ALPS Field Descriptions

Field	Description	Additional Information
Start Date	Indicates the date the program began. This is a required field and must be entered BEFORE the entered end date (when there is one).	Database Location: AltProgram.startDate Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > startDate (altProgram.startDate)

Field	Description	Additional Information
End Date	Indicates the date on which the program ended. This field may be blank when the current record is active.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.endDate</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > endDate (altProgram.endDate)</p>
Entry Reason	Indicates the reason the student entered the program.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.entryReason</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > entryReason (altProgram.entryReason)</p>
Serving District	Lists the district where the student receives their educational services.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.districtNumber</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > districtNumber (altProgram.districtNumber)</p>
Location	Indicates the student's ALPS Program location, such as community-based program, PSU program, etc.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.location</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > location (altProgram.location)</p>
Location Type	Indicates the type of location for the ALPS program - alternative school, PSU setting, etc.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.programCode</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > programCode (altProgram.locationType)</p>
Comments	Lists any additional comments about the student's participation in the ALPS program.	<p>Database Location: AltProgram.comments</p> <p>Ad Hoc Inquiries: Student > Learner > State Programs > AltProgram > comments (altProgram.comments)</p>

