



Evidence Base for the National Alternative Education Association's Exemplary Practices

In 2014, the National Alternative Education Association (NAEA) worked diligently to craft fifteen exemplary practices to guide the implementation and execution of quality alternative education programs and schools. The Exemplary Practices were founded on, and supported by, research and scholarship regarding robust alternative education practices, as well as from successful alternative education administrators and practitioners. The NAEA Board updated the wording of Exemplary Practices in 2018 to include respect for diversity and other current language preferred by educators.

NAEA's Exemplary Practices, <https://www.the-naea.org/uploads/1/3/0/2/130215129/naea-exemplary-practices-2.0-updated-2018.pdf> contains three pages of references. The research-evidence base includes journal articles, doctoral dissertations and state reports such as the alternative education evaluations from the Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center. Other references include scholarly works and standards from other professional associations and state departments of education.

Alternative education professionals who use NAEA's Exemplary Practices can assuredly say that the Exemplary Practices are solidly evidence based. That evidence includes research, scholarship and best practice as listed in the references.