

Background

An outreach school is an alternative learning program. The program offers assistance for young adults to complete school curriculum. It offers a holistic approach to education by considering the student's total needs through counseling, recreation, living skills, and work projects.

The intent of the outreach school is to engage students and encourage students to work toward and reach high school completion status.

Procedures

1. Eligibility

Outreach programs are designed for students 13 to 19 years of age who require flexibility in programming due to unique circumstances and/or needs.

 - 1.1. Interested students are required to participate in an intake process to determine an appropriate programming plan. When determining eligibility, the best interests of the individual student will be the deciding factor.
 - 1.2. Outreach schools will give priority to students currently enrolled within the Division. A waiting list for the program may be maintained.
 - 1.3. Students requiring specific courses may enrol in a partial Outreach program while maintaining enrolment in other courses at their local high school.
2. Student Attendance
 - 2.1. Attendance expectations at an Outreach Program will vary depending on the needs and circumstances of each student. These expectations are set out in the individual student's plan or contract.
3. Program
 - 3.1. Outreach Programs will follow the Alberta Education Programs of Study and may include locally-developed junior high and/or senior high courses.
4. Performance, Evaluation and Behaviour
 - 4.1. Students are expected to meet standards of performance consistent with those established by Alberta Education.

- 4.2. The pace of student learning and educational goals will be set by each individual student in consultation with professional staff
- 4.3. Student behaviour will adhere to student conduct as per Division policy.
- 4.4. Students will be evaluated on a regular basis using appropriate evaluation approaches as well as through achievement tests and diploma examinations, when appropriate.
- 4.5. If a student is not experiencing success in an Outreach Program, his/her program will be reviewed and modified, or other program options will be explored.

Reference: Section 19, Education Act
Outreach Programs Policy 1.1.4
Outreach Programs Handbook, May 2009

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