

Alternative Education

The alternative education programs in the high schools (East – Patriot Plus, North – Northward Bound, West – Accent) are designed to provide different learning experiences for students who are in need of options in order to be successful in reaching district graduation requirements. Nontraditional methods are used to assist in areas of credit deficiency, attendance difficulties and development of positive attitudes regarding lifelong learning.

See program coordinators for specific courses available at each high school.

Employment Development/Vocational Skills Training 9700 1 Credit

Sophomore/Junior/Senior
Instructor recommendation

This course educates the students in the realities of the work world. It dispels common myths and encourages students to take control of their lives by making conscious choices, setting realistic values and goals. Learning about the changing job market and developing an action plan allows school-aged parents to prepare for economic self-sufficiency. The course is designed to help teen parents decide on appropriate ways to support their children.

Parenting Now 9750 1 Credit

Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior
Instructor Recommendation

This course is designed to instruct the students about parenting. Parenting labs are arranged periodically during the course. Topics covered relate to current student situations and experiences. Class discussions, videos and other experiences make this an interesting and enjoyable experience. One class a week is set aside for a support group geared toward parenting. The school social worker and School-Aged Parent (SAPAR) coordinator will lead the discussions.

P.A.S.S. .5 Credit

Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior
Instructor Recommendation

P.A.S.S. (portable assisted study sequence) courses are designed to help students meet graduation requirements by granting credit for completion of self-directed learning packets. These course offerings are all .5 credit options.

Integrated Learning Systems Lab 9801/9802 .5 Credit

Sophomore/Junior/Senior
Instructor Recommendation/At Risk Status

The Integrated Learning Systems (ILS) Lab will provide computer assisted, individualized instruction to eligible students in a flexible and self-paced format. Often students using this method of learning have not been successful in traditional classroom settings.

Work Experience 9900 1 Credit

Sophomore/Junior/Senior
Instructor Recommendation

Work experience offers students the opportunity to develop skills that will assist them in career decision making and appropriate work behavior. The learn-on-the-job format will help students progress toward post-high school education and career goals.