

HAZELWOOD OPPORTUNITY CENTER

“THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT
YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT.”



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GOALS FOR 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Academic Goals

- Increase HSA enrollment by 15 students for the 2023 – 2024 school year.
 - 2022 - 2023 – 42 Students
 - 2023 – 2024 - 112 Students
- Increase overall students serviced for the 2023 – 2024 school year.
 - 2022 – 2023 – 569 Students
 - 2023 – 2024 – 896 Students
- 90% or more graduates enter a trade school, two-year college/four-year college, the workforce, or the armed forces.

GOALS FOR 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Social/Emotional Goals

- **Increase community partnerships for students and parents**
 - **Weekly visits from Youth in Need therapist**
- **Increase the Opportunity Center's employment opportunities for students via the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program.**
 - **First Lady of Missouri visit**
 - **44 students in the program**
 - **3 students attended the state conference**
 - **Build My Future Conference**

OPPORTUNITY CENTER STAFF

- **Instructional Certified Staff – 24**
- **Special School District Staff – 3***
- **Social/Emotional Support Staff – 4***
- **Reading Specialist – 1**
- **Building Aides/In-School Suspension - 3**
- **Administrators - 2**
- **Secretary - 1**
- **Teacher Clerk - 1**
- **Clinic Nurse - 1**
- **Safety Officers– 2**
- **Safety Monitors – 2***

*** Denotes Increase**

OPPORTUNITY CENTER

OPPORTUNITY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

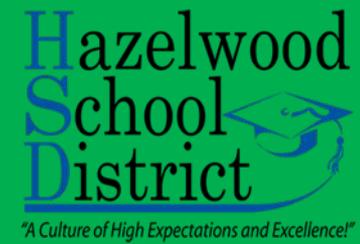
OPPORTUNITY CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

OPPORTUNITY CENTER COMMON COMPONENTS

All students who attend the Opportunity Center receive:

- **Personalized graduation plan (HS Only)**
- **Instruction from certified staff members**
- **Weekly check in meetings with counselor or social worker**
- **Access to wrap around services via community partners**

THE HAZELWOOD SUCCESS ACADEMY (HSA)



HSA is a full day alternative education program designed for high school students in the Hazelwood School District, who seek academic, social and personal growth in a small personal learning environment, and/or are having difficulty in the traditional school setting.

HSA PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **Nine Certified Teachers: Two English, Two Math, Two Social Studies, Two Edgenuity, One Science**
- **Three Certified Support Staff: Two Counselors and Two Social Workers**
- **Students receive instruction from certified classroom teachers while completing elective courses via Edgenuity (online program)**

SUCCESS ACADEMY (HSA)



ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT CENTER (ASC)

ASC is a full day alternative education program designed for students in 6th- 8th grade, in the Hazelwood School District, who need academic, social and personal growth in a small personal learning environment due to being assigned a long-term suspension.

ASC PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **Nine Certified Teachers: Two English, Two Math, Two Social Studies, Two Edgenuity, One Science**
- **Four Certified Support Staff: Two Counselors and Two Social Workers**
- **Students receive instruction from certified classroom teachers while completing elective courses via Edgenuity (online program)**

ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT CENTER (ASC)



MISSOURI OPTION PROGRAM (MO OPTION)

The Missouri Option program is for students aged 17 or older entering their fourth year of high school with a credit deficiency or who have other demonstrated needs.

Students attend this program to earn a high school diploma by achieving a passing score on the HiSet Exam (formerly the GED Test). Graduates develop and pursue post-secondary plans.

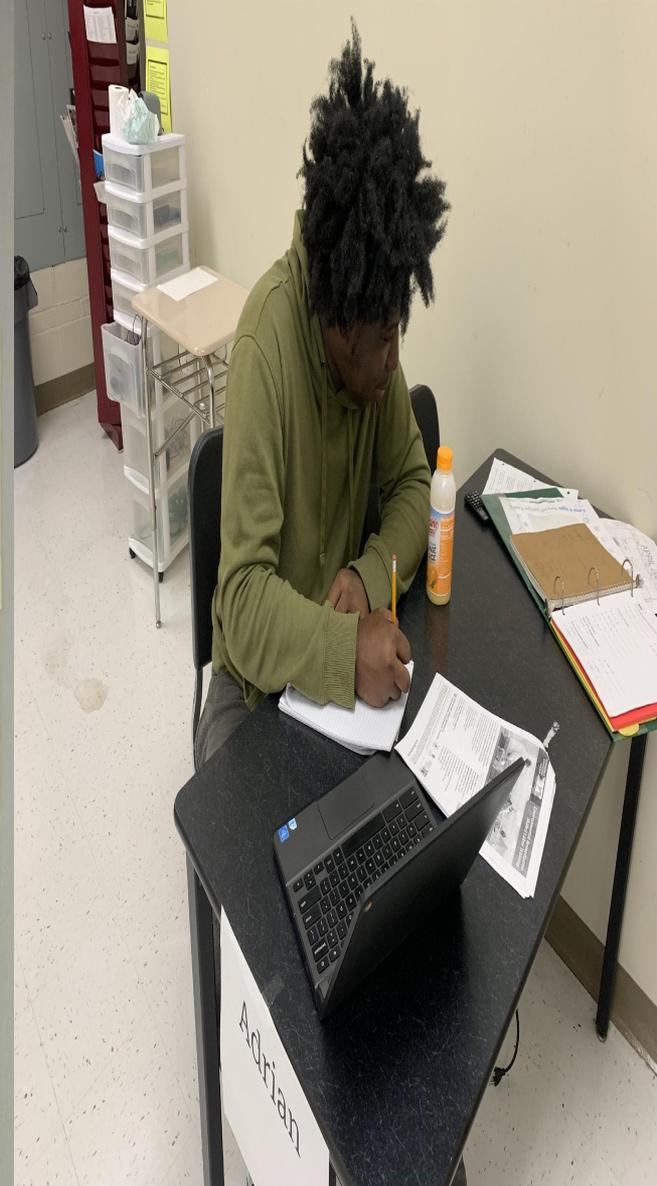
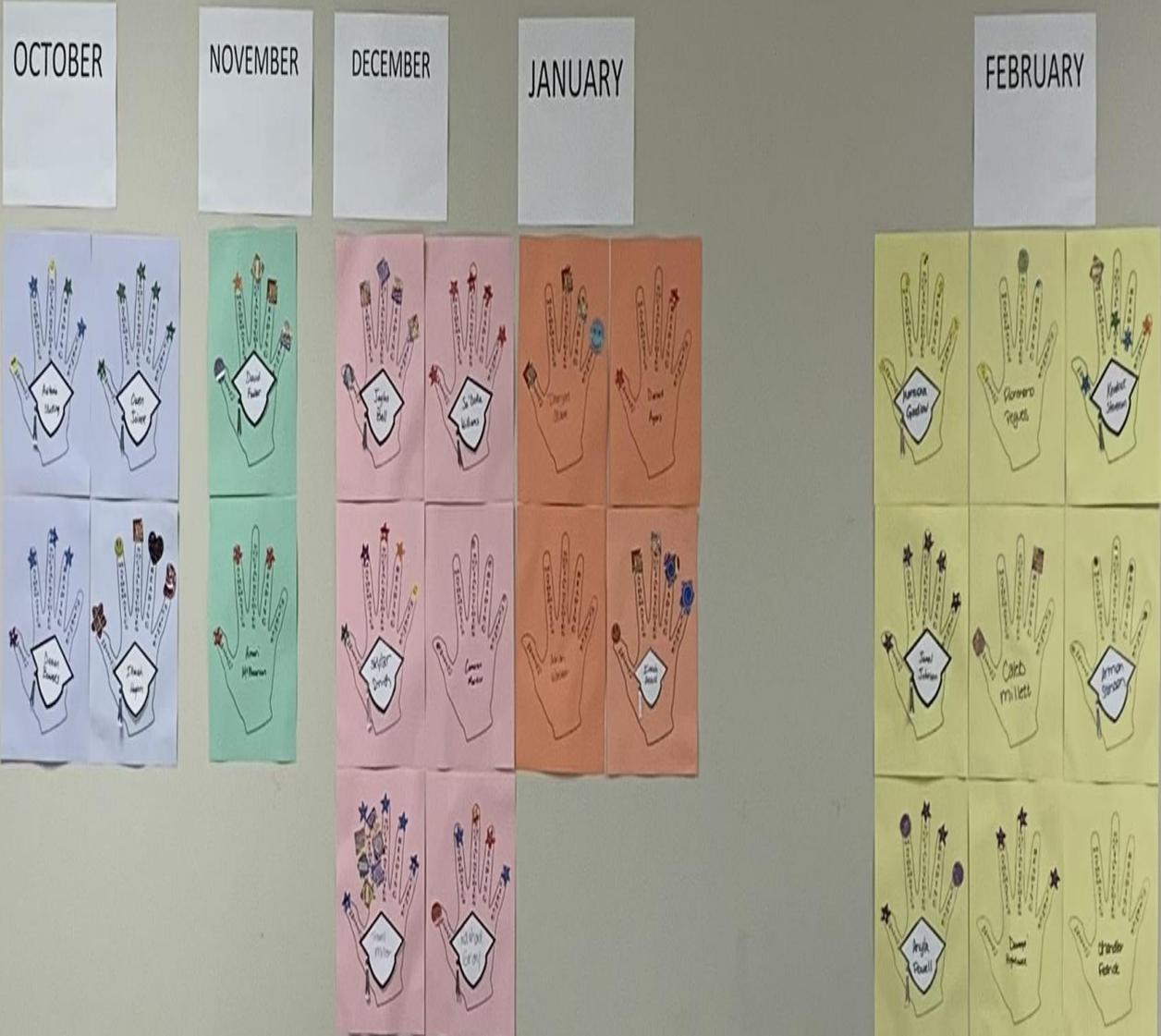
MISSOURI OPTION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **One certified teacher work with students. Instruction is a combination of on-line and teacher directed.**
- **There are fifteen students in each three-hour session for a total enrollment of 30 students**
- **Students receive a Hazelwood School District diploma upon completion of all graduation requirements and passing all five parts of the HiSet exam**

MISSOURI OPTION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **Students' complete community service hours, and/or are employed during non-direct instructional sessions**
- **It is recommended that students score at least at the 8th grade level in reading and mathematics on the test for The Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment to enter the program**

MISSOURI OPTION PROGRAM (MO OPTION)



PROJECT RESTART (PR)

Half day program designed to serve high school students in need of an alternative setting to assist them in getting on track to meet the requirements for graduation by developing and implementing a tailored plan for earning their high school diploma and pursuing their post-secondary goals.

PROJECT RESTART (PR)

Project Restart addresses the needs of students:

- **Flexible scheduling opportunities**
- **Teen parenting**
- **Employment conflicts**
- **Students who have transferred into the district in their third or fourth year of high school and have a credit deficiency**
- **Chronic absenteeism**

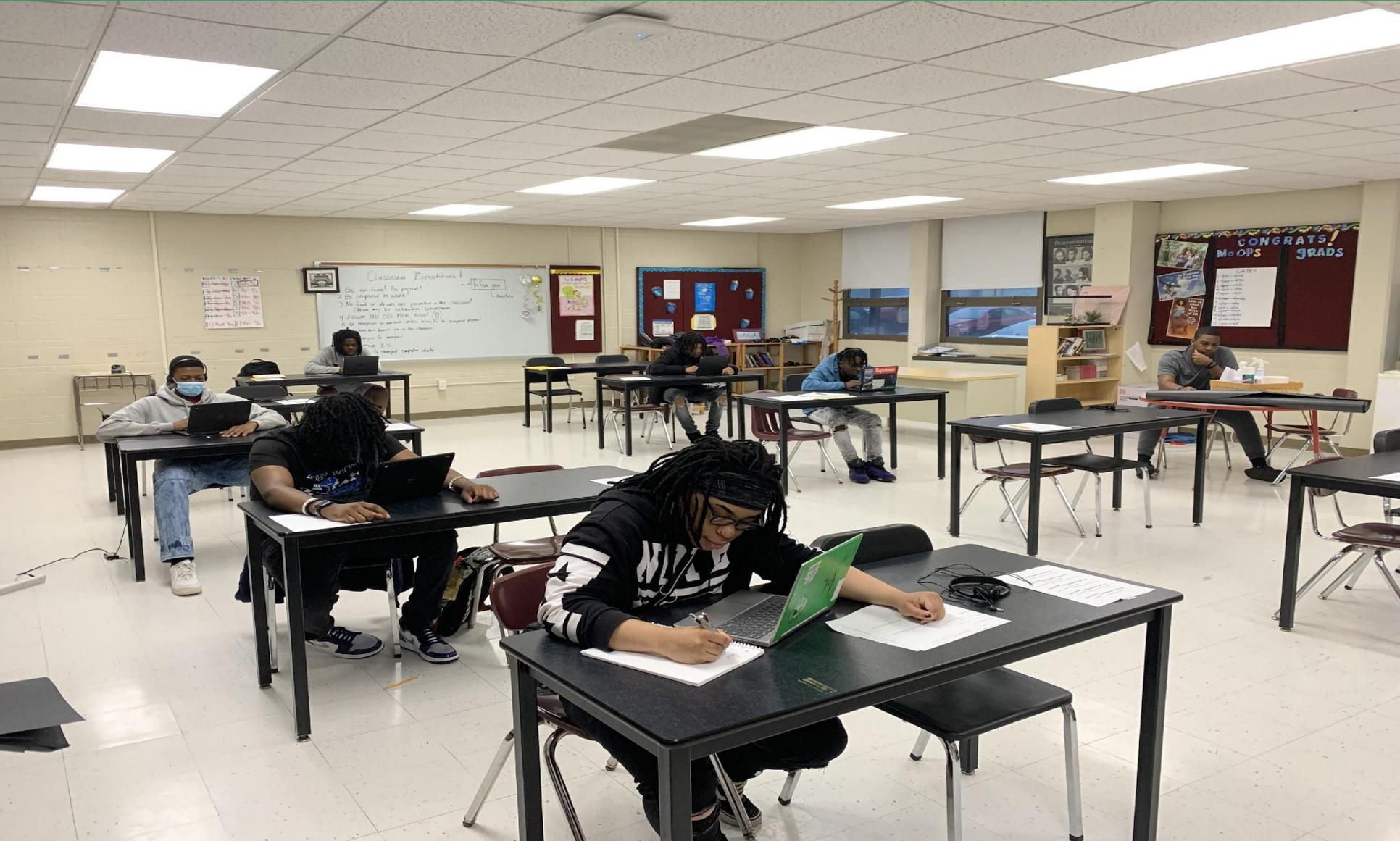
PR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **Three certified teachers working with students to prepare them to be successful**
- **A combination of online and teacher directed instruction is tailored to meet the needs of each student's path to graduation**
- **There are two three-hour sessions. Total enrollment of 90 students**

PR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- **Teachers help students learn to pace themselves appropriately to complete their coursework independently**
- **A Special School District staff member provides support to students as required**
- **The Adult Basic Education (TABE) test is used to help staff create a support plan as needed.**

PROJECT RESTART (PR)



POSITIVE CHOICE (PC)

Any student who has received a long-term suspension as a result of a disciplinary hearing has the voluntary option of attending the Positive Choice Program.

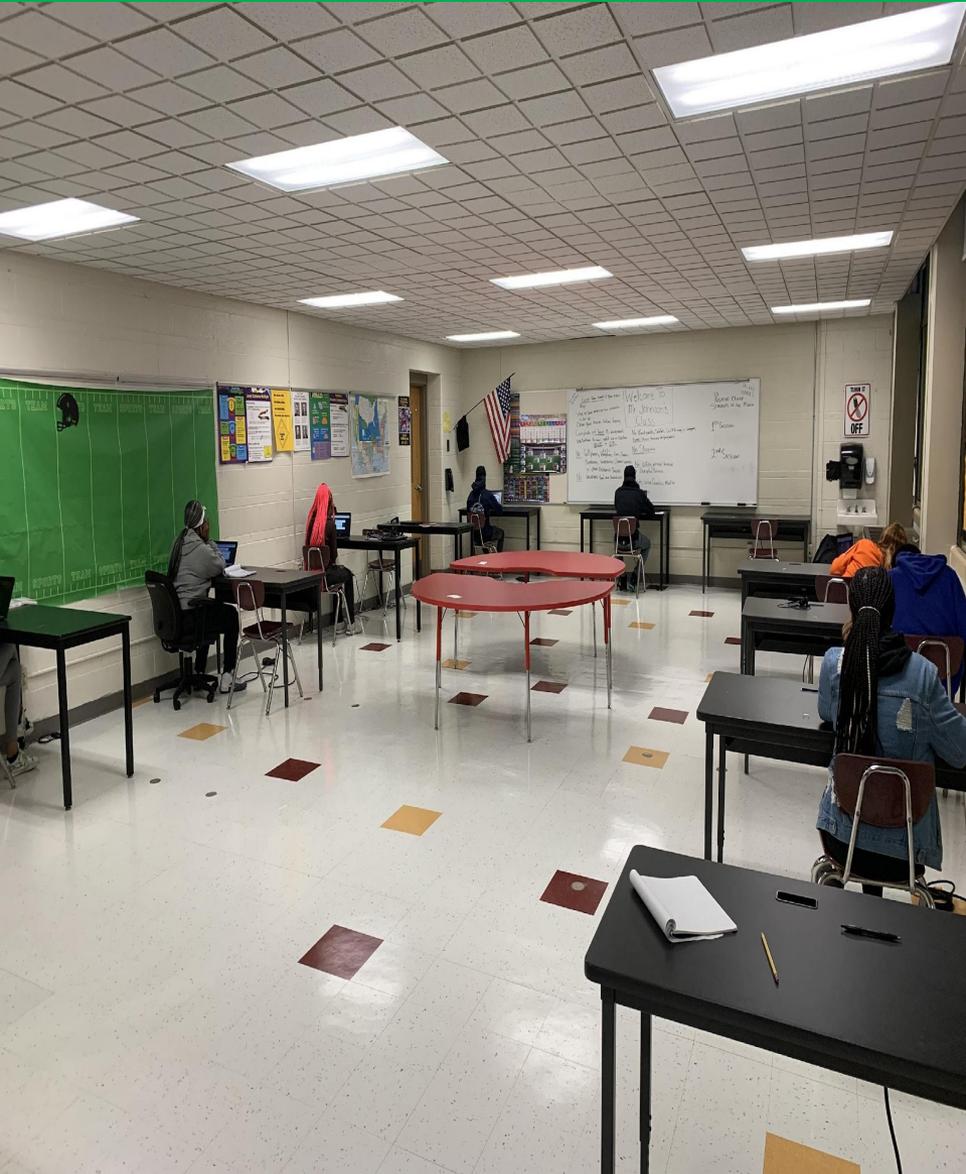
High school students have the opportunity of earning credits. Middle school students may attend the program under extenuating circumstances. Middle school students will work toward fulfilling requirements for promotion.

The student returns to their home school at the end of their suspension. Grades earned are placed on the transcript and forwarded to the home school.

PC Program Description

- **There are three certified teachers working with students to prepare them to be successful**
- **There are two three-hour sessions. Total enrollment of 90 students**
- **Teachers help students learn to pace themselves appropriately to complete their coursework.**
- **A Special School District staff member provides support to students as required**

POSITIVE CHOICE (PC)



STUDENT REFOCUS PROGRAM (SRP)

The Student Refocus Program is for middle and high school students to address chronic behaviors and be more preventative and intentional in providing support to correct those behaviors.

Each student receives targeted support in their area of specific need from the counselor of the program with the goal of them returning to their home school between 6 - 12 weeks.

STUDENT REFOCUS PROGRAM (SRP)

Criterion/considerations for assignment to the program include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Number of discipline referrals**
- Exhaustion of school-based interventions**
- Chronic or excessive absence issues**
- Other factors deemed detrimental to the student or others in the school community**

SRP Program Description

- **Three certified teachers (one high school and two middle school) working with students to prepare them be successful**
- **Each classroom has a maximum of fifteen (15) students. This number is designed to provide students with a high degree of one-on-one support**
- **Online instruction will take place tailored to meet the needs of each student**

SRP Program Description

- **Weekly communication with parent/guardian**
- **Students will participate in: Free reading time, daily journals, and writing essays, group and individual counseling sessions**
- **A Special School District staff member and will provide support to students as required**

SRP Program



SHORT TERM SUSPENSION (STS)

Any middle or high school student who has been assigned an out of school suspension for 5 - 10 days has the opportunity to attend the Short-Term Suspension Program.

In this program students spend the school day with staff, who will assist them in completing their assignments and assure that they are on track when they return to their home school.

Students' assignments are provided by the referring school.

STS Program Description

- **Two staff members works with students to prepare them be successful**
- **Full Day Sessions**
- **Students may also participate in group and individual counseling sessions to assist them in making better choices and decrease the likelihood of them being suspended in the future**
- **Transportation must be provided by parents**

SHORT TERM SUSPENSION (STS)



Finish Line Program (FLP)

Program for high school students to improve student achievement, differentiate and expand resources and services for students, and support the district's graduation rate. Students will complete all graduation requirements to earn a Hazelwood diploma.

The Finish Line Program addresses the needs of students:

- **4th and 5th year Seniors**
- **Seniors with an interest and desire to graduate high school**
- **Seniors who have obtained a minimum of 15 credits**

FLP Program Description

- **One certified teacher works with students to prepare them graduate**
- **Two three-hour sessions. Total enrollment of 30 students.**
- **Students should maintain 85% or higher attendance rate**
- **Create a post-secondary academic and employment goals**
- **Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and ACT WorkKeys Assessments**
- **Complete graduation requirements within maximum of two semesters**
- **Complete academic intervention projects to address skill deficiency**

Finish Line Program (FLP)



JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)

- **44 students participated in the JAG program**
- **3 students attended the State Conference**
- **First Lady of Missouri toured our campus and spoke to our students**
- **Explored Ranken Tech campus**
- **Attended Build My Future Conference**



FIRST LADY OF MISSOURI VISITS THE HOC



JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)



COLLEGE & CAREER

- Careers Presentation
- U.S. Military
- St. Louis Community College
- College and Career Planning Presentation
- Financial Aid Preparation Workshop
- North County Technical High School
- Ranken Technical School
- Barber and Beauty School
- Real Estate Professional
- HSD Alumni (Lawyer and Nursing)



Counseling and Employment Supports

- **575*** individual counseling sessions between students and building counselors or social worker have occurred
- **125*** group counseling sessions conducted by the building counselors and social worker with students in all programs
- **85*** group counseling sessions with community partners
- **25*** individual student meetings across all programs with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation. (Workplace training)
- **Monthly Pre-Employment Transition Services (Job Skill Training)**

** Approximate numbers*

FIELD TRIPS



- Ranken Tech
- JAG State Conference
- August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
- Build My Futures
- Science Center

CORNERSTONE AWARDS

Monthly awards given to students for:

- Edgenuity Classes Completed
- Tiered GPA Recognition
- Attendance
- Teacher Choice
- Overall Effort
- Zero Discipline Infractions

Mrs. Example

has named

Super Student

as a **CORNERSTONE STUDENT**

Thank you for being a building block of our community.

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COMMUNITY USAGE

- **Early Childhood (Offices/Testing)**
- **PTA Offices**
- **Youth on the Rise**
- **School District Uniform Store**
- **HSD Coordinator of Counselors and Social Workers Office**
- **Discipline Hearing Office**
- **Special School District Office**
- **Police Athletic League (PAL) Office**
- **Multi-Tiered Systems Support Staff Office**

COMMUNITY USAGE

- **Special Non-Public Access Program (SNAP)**
- **Superintendent's Satellite Office**
- **Elementary Basketball Program**
- **Host Middle School Athletic Events**
- **Virtual Learning Offices**
- **Kiwanis Club Storage**
- **Building Food Pantry**
- **Technology Hub**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **End of Year Enrollment = 353**
- **Students Serviced = 896**
- **Graduates = 87**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **Hazelwood Success Academy (HSA): 112 students**
- **Alternative Support Center (ASC): 182 students**
- **Missouri Option Program (MO Option): 23 students**
- **Project Restart (PR): 132 students**
- **Positive Choice (PC): 167 students**
- **Student Refocus Program (SRP): 34 MS and 17 HS**
- **Short Term Suspension (STS): 163 students**
- **Finish Line Program (FLP): 70 students**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Increased SSD staffing by one teacher**
- **Added an additional social worker and dean of students position**
- **Increased total number of students served by 327**
 - **2022 – 2023 = 569 students**
 - **2023 – 2024 = 896 students**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **87 graduates for the class of 2024 across all programs.**
 - **Positive Choice: 13**
 - **Success Academy: 1**
 - **Missouri Options: 15**
 - **Finish Line Program: 58**
- **785* group or individual counseling session with our staff or outside groups.**
- **Monthly Cornerstone awards given to outstanding students**

** Approximate numbers*

2024 - 2025 ACADEMIC GOALS

- **Increase HSA enrollment by 10% students for the 2024 – 2025 school year**
- **Increase overall students serviced, in non-suspension programs, for the 2024 – 2025 school year by 5%**
- **Increase the number of overall graduates across all programs by 5% for the 2024 – 2025 school year**

2024 - 2025

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GOALS

- **Increase group and individual counseling sessions with HSD staff and community partners by 5%**
- **Increase the Opportunity Center's employment opportunities for students via the JAG program and community partnerships.**