Additional Information

- Individualized support is provided to assist students to meet all requirements of the program
- Individual and group counseling is provided to help students be successful in the program and in life
- Students receive support to effectively plan for life after high school
- Flexible schedule

Contact information

For further information, contact your high school counseling department at the phone number below:

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Phone: 314-953-5415

East High School Counseling Office

Phone: 314-953-5604

West High School Counseling Office

Phone: 314-953-5825

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Missouri Option Program

Hazelwood Opportunity
Center

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What is the Missouri Option Program?

The Missouri Option Program is for students who are at least seventeen (17) years of age and are in their fourth year of high school. These students must be at least one academic year behind their cohort (7 credits) or have other demonstrated needs. Cohort is defined as the year that the student enrolled in kindergarten.

Students will attend this program and work to earn a high school diploma by achieving a passing score on the HiSET Exam (formerly the GED Test). Instruction will be a combination of on-line and teacher directed.

There are additional requirements for participation in, and completion of, the program which are outlined in the Missouri Option Student/Parent Handbook.

How do I apply?

Students who wish to attend the program will complete the following steps:

- Interested students will meet with their high school guidance counselor who will discuss the program. Including the TABE Test. This test is given to determine the student's ability level in the areas of reading and mathematics. It takes approximately two (2) hours to complete the TABE.
- The student will then take the TABE at the Opportunity Center. After taking the TABE the HOC staff will contact the student and their parent/guardian and share the results. A student can only take the test three (3) times in a school year. If a student scores below the 5th grade level, a family meeting may be held with the Director of Alternative Education discuss educational options for the student.
- Completed applications will be forwarded to the Missouri Option staff who will contact the parent/guardian to schedule an intake meeting. During the intake meeting expectations and requirements for completion of the program will be shared. After the intake meeting students will be enrolled in the program within 48 hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the hours of the Missouri Option Program?

A: There are two (2), three (3) hour sessions: the first session is from 7:30 - 10:30 am and the second session is from 11:00 am - 1:45 pm.

Q: What are the additional requirements for successful completion of the program?

A: Students are required to be in class fifteen (15) hours per week and be enrolled in college/career elective courses via the Edgenuity online learning program. Students must compete one college/career course for every month they are enrolled in the program. up to four (4) courses in a semester. This ensures that students are prepared to make informed decisions about their future and that they meet the requirements of full-time enrollment. The required number of courses must be completed with a passing grade to meet the requirements of the program. For example, if it takes a student two (2) months to complete HiSET testing, they must complete two college/career courses to earn their high school diploma.

Students must also complete all required End-of-Course (EOC) Exams.

Q: Is transportation provided?

A: Yes.

Q: What kind of diploma will the student earn?

A: A Hazelwood School District diploma.