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Satellite Diploma Program



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Overview: The Satellite Diploma Program was launched in August 2013 to serve at-risk high school students in danger of dropping out of high school (due to being over age with few credits).

Student Eligibility

- Students are eligible for the program as long as they meet one or more of the requirements below:
- Overage (typically have failed one or more grades in their k-12 experience)
 - Few Credits
 - Attendance Issues
 - Difficulty being successful in the traditional high school model

Program Structure

Instructional Facilitators

The Satellite Diploma Program is housed at each of the District's four career centers. Each career center has two facilitators responsible for the daily management of the class. The facilitator is required to have a bachelor's degree and the ability to build rapport with students. These facilitators serve as mentors to students, helping them set goals and keeping them on track.

Teachers

The Satellite Diploma Program employs 8 full time teachers in each of the core content areas and foreign language. The teachers rotate each week to the four career centers and the district's alternative program to provide tutoring and individualized assistance to students. The teachers are also available via email, video conferencing, messaging through our online learning program Odysseyware, and phone to assist students when not on site.

Environment

The culture and environment of the Satellite Diploma Program is set up to mimic that of a work environment. Students are required to "call-in" when they are not going to be in attendance. Facilitators meet with students each week to set both short-term and long-term goals based on their performance, attendance, and behavior. Students may attend half day (AM or PM) sessions or full day sessions. In addition, since the program is housed at the career centers, students may also take half day career center classes to develop skills for future careers.



Curriculum and Instruction

The program uses an online delivery system (Odysseyware Online Learning) to provide students with the instruction they need. By taking advantage of the state's Proficiency Application, the program is set up for mastery learning. Students may master content at their own pace according to their individual strengths and challenges.

Removing the Barriers

In most cases, students experienced limited success in their traditional school due to some barrier. The Satellite Diploma Program has attempted to remove those barriers and provide students with the opportunity to earn a diploma from their high school.

- **Transportation**—Transportation is provided from the student's home to the home-based school. A bus then takes the students from their home-based school to their assigned Career Center.

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Daily Setup	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Enoree Career Center					
Bonds Career Center					
Golden Strip Career Center					
Donaldson Career Center					
High School Alternative Program					

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- **Attendance**—The Satellite Diploma Program is an adult education program (students withdraw from their high school). Students are required to attend for a minimum of 8 hours each week, set a schedule (based on work schedules, home responsibilities, etc.), and follow that schedule. Students are required to show progress in order to continue in the program. Facilitators help keep students on track and on target for success.
- **Learning Environment**—Each site is a small learning environment with each class consisting of only 25 students. The total capacity of the program is 400 students at a time. The small learning environment at each center allows students to learn at their own pace away from the distractions of a traditional high school.

For More Information

For more information about Greenville County Schools, scan the QR code below or visit our YouTube Channel (GCS Schools)

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