

WILLINGBORO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

"Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do!"

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Behavior Specialist Corner

My name is Sharron H. Coleman, I am the Willingboro Alternative Education Program and District Behavior Specialist. Some may ask what exactly is a Behavior Specialist and how do they support my child?

I am here to provide support, guidance and encouragement to assist with changing inappropriate behaviors and promoting positive change. At the Alternative Program we utilize a positive mechanism to reward appropriate behaviors that support our school-wide behavioral expectations.

We encourage our students to be successful by utilizing our Level "3" Incentive Program. Our motto is **"Do the right thing, because it's the right thing to do."**

Our school wide-behavioral norms are:

1. Students are to be on time and prepared for class
2. Students are to be respectful
3. Students are to participate and be on task
4. Students are to use appropriate language
5. Students are to maintain self-control, including keeping hands to one's self.
6. Students are to wear their uniforms daily.
7. Students are to follow cell phone rules, which prohibits the use of phones or electronic devices during program hours.
8. Students are to follow directions.

See you next time at the Behavior Specialist corner!

Welcome Back

Dear WAEP Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful start to the school year. It has been a remarkably smooth transition for students here at WAEP. Students have shared many of their experience from events that transpired over the summer months, and have begun the process of learning more about their fellow students and are developing relationships with their teachers and staff.

Our staff has been busy creating routines, practicing appropriate procedures in the classroom and building a sense of a community. Over the next few weeks we will stress our school affirmation. Here at Willingboro Alternative Education stands for students that are:

- Learning to communicate in a structured environment.
- Every student counts and has a voice.
- We have a variety of unique personalities.
- Students that are independently developing positive character traits.
- Students who are totally committed to show everyone they have the necessary skills.
- Students who are ready to advance forward to more creative and challenging things in life.

Looking forward to a successful school year!
Dr. Keith Ellerbe, Principal

Helping Your Child Be Successful

Here are two simple ways to help your child be successful: every child deserves. We are all on the same team and our ultimate goal is for your son/daughters academic, social, personal and behavioral success. Working together we can ensure an outstanding school year for your child.

Provide lots of encouragement & praise: Encouragement is the key to motivation and praise provides the reward. These are just two key factors that

*"Working together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."
Henry Ford*

Willingboro Alternative Education Program

Home of the Phoenix

"I'm like a phoenix. I rise from the ashes" - Bess Myerson

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alternative Education Program is to provide a safe and structured environment that meets each individual student's educational needs. In addition to meeting their educational needs, the program is designed to address the behaviors that led them to the AEP and assist each student in modifying his/her inappropriate behaviors. Our teachers use a variety of teaching techniques such as collaborative learning, direct-instruction, peer-mediated instruction, small interactive groups and strategy instruction to reach all levels and learning styles. The students are monitored using a behavior modification system based on rewarding positive behaviors rather than reinforcing negative behavior. Principal, Teachers, Behavior Specialist, and a Crisis Intervention Specialist closely monitor and work together to modify student behavior and provide a successful transition back to the regular day program or in case of seniors, graduate from their home school.



Academic Corner

To ensure a better understanding of our Common Core State Standards parents/guardians can use the following checklist to support student assignments such as homework and projects.

Checklist for the Common Core State Standards

LANGUAGE ARTS

- 1) Content-rich nonfiction
- 2) Use text as proof and support when writing and speaking
- 3) Regular practice with complex text and academic language

MATH

- 1) Focus: The assessment focus should match the focus of the standards
- 2) Coherence: Learn math in such a way as to build new understanding onto foundations built in previous years.
- 3) Rigor: Pursue rigor, meaning a balance of conceptual understanding and procedural skills fluency. Focus on the application of knowledge.

Back To School Night
Monday, September 23rd – 6:30 pm

Willingboro Alternative Education Program
56 Brooklawn Drive
Willingboro, NJ 08046
609-835-8950

Student Hours - 7:55 am – 2:40 pm

School Uniform Colors
Light Blue or Black Shirts
Khaki Pants/Skirts

Upcoming Important Dates

September 23rd – Back To School Night – 6:30 pm

October 1st – 3rd – HSPA Testing – Grade 11

October 4th – Progress Reports Mailed

October 16th – School Closed – Staff Development

October 22nd – 31st – Drug Awareness Week –
Saying No To Drugs