

Francis Howell Union High School

Quick Overview

Credit recovery “alternative” high school for 11th and 12th grade students
 --- Tier 1 in our Pyramid of Interventions.

- ❖ 70 maximum students.
- ❖ We have 14 staff members: Principal, 1 secretary, Counselor, Educational Support Counselor and 10 staff members.
- ❖ Day runs from 7:30-1:20 p.m. (We have our own cafeteria and serve lunch)
- ❖ A quarter at the comprehensive high school is a 9 week semester at FHU.
- ❖ We are on the block schedule with 4 blocks of approximately 80 minutes.
- ❖ We support the 3 comprehensive high schools in the FHSD and students must interview for a placement to the alternative high school.
- ❖ Students in this program sign a written contract.
- ❖ Blended curriculum—students spend half of their day on the computer in science, social studies, intermediate algebra, algebra II, geometry and some electives. English is a blended curriculum half on the computer and half on reading/writing. FHU uses the Edmentum Online Learning System to deliver curriculum for the computer classes.
 - Technology is the key to our success here at FHU through District Office support.
 - Computers in every classroom and smart boards in all classrooms.
 - IPAD lab
- ❖ Spend the other part of the day in Direct Instruction classes--- art, speech, creative writing, marketing, Personal Finance, contemporary issues, and physical education (Weight room / Multi-purpose room).
- ❖ Students at FHU have a Project/Problem Based Learning component as part of each 9 week semester where they have to create a project in their direct instruction classes that uses 21st Century Skills (Communication, Collaboration, Critical thinking skills and Creativity). With each project there must be a multi-media component and a presentation piece at the end of the 9 weeks.

The Missouri Option Program

---Tier 2 in our Pyramid of Interventions.

- ❖ Additional alternative program for seniors or fourth semester juniors. ---students in this program have tried the alternative high school or were in danger of dropping out of their comprehensive high school.
- ❖ We run 2 sessions of the MO Op Program from 7:45-10:45 a.m. and then from 11:00-2:00 p.m. with 50-60 current students.
- ❖ Students in this program sign a written contract.
- ❖ Students must take health, American Government and personal finance.
- ❖ Students also take the HiSET Assessment as an exit exam.
- ❖ The teacher uses the Edmentum Online Learning System.
- ❖ Teacher goes over writing 5 paragraph essays, test taking skills, political cartoons and how to read charts and graphs.

The Pre-Missouri Option Program

- ❖ Additional alternative program for juniors who have very few credits and are in danger of dropping out of Francis Howell High School but feel the road is too long. In the Pre-Missouri Option Program, students
- ❖ Work towards completing the requirements of the Missouri Option program and then transfer to that program as seniors and then take the HiSET.

The Alternative Intervention Program (AIP) and Alternative Learning Center (ALC)

--- Tier 3 in our Pyramid of Interventions

- ❖ **Alternative Intervention Program (AIP):** is a program for students that are under a suspension for a substance possession/use-related incident or may need assistance in addressing a substance use problem.
 - The purpose of this program is to offer counseling and educational services to students during their suspension and to allow students to return to school more quickly than their original suspension.
 - We run 1 session of the AIP Program from 7:55-1:50 a.m.
 - Successful completion of AIP, which includes 9 school days of AIP instruction, and group/individual counseling sessions, the student will then be eligible to return to school.
 - Students in this program complete classroom work collected from their home-schools for the duration of their stay in the AIP.
- ❖ **Alternative Learning Center (ALC)** --- is a program for students following a Committee on Conduct Hearing resulting in a long-term suspension.
 - We run 1 session of the ALC Program from 7:00-10:00 a.m with a classroom that holds 15 students.
 - Students in this program have an initial intake meeting and sign a written contract.
 - Students in this program are put on the Edmentum Online Learning System for the duration of their stay in the ALC.
 - Students in this program generally have an educational support counselor referral, a drug counseling component and a Preferred Family Referral.