



Options Indiana

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Is there a certain "type" of student that is best for this program?

Anyone looking to learn is a perfect fit for Options Indiana. We serve students of all backgrounds and abilities, with students benefiting from the flexibility of Options Indiana in a number of ways. While a majority of students enrolled are within the age range of 12-18, we work with adult learners as well & there is no age limit on the program. Regardless of your situation, the benefits of receiving your education from Options Indiana are seen by all.

How long does it take to complete a class?

While there is no set time on how quickly a student can complete a course, one course requires between 20 and 40 hours of work, on average.

Do Options graduates receive an accredited high school diploma like at a traditional high school?

Yes, all Options graduates receive a high school diploma that is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. Students have the opportunity to choose from the following diploma designations: General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors (AHD) or Core 40 with Technical Honors (THD).

How do you determine what my student will need to succeed?

Every student at Options will work with their dedicated counselor & advisor to develop their own personalized learning or service plan. This plan encompasses not only the academic progress that the student needs to address, but also social-emotional and behavioral patterns that will allow the student to achieve success.

Can students take foreign language courses?

Yes. While students will not receive instruction from an Options teacher, they will receive instruction from a teacher through the Edmentum Online Learning platform. Several foreign language courses are available through Edmentum.

Can Options students take courses to receive college credit?

Students in good standing will have the opportunity to enroll in courses at Ivy Tech & J Everett Light Career Center, while still working towards their high school diploma at Options. Select Ivy Tech courses are even taught on-location at an Options campus.

I saw that Options Indiana is a public, charter school, but what does that mean?

Public charter schools are independent, public, and tuition-free schools that are given the freedom to be more innovative, while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Since 2010, many research studies have found that students in charter schools do better in school than their traditional school peers. For example, one study by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that charter schools do a better job teaching low income students, minority students, and students who are still learning English than traditional schools. Separate studies by the Center on Reinventing Public Education and Mathematica Policy Research have found that charter school students are more likely to graduate from high school, go on to college, stay in college and have higher earnings in early adulthood.

How is alternative education defined?

Alternative Education is designed to meet the needs of students who are not succeeding in the traditional setting and at-risk of not graduating high school.

I heard that Options is a school for students with discipline issues. Is that true?

No it is not, but that is a common misconception about Options. Prior to transforming into Options Charter School in 2002, we served as an additional program for Carmel High School students from 1999 until the Indiana Charter School Law was passed in 2001. Options includes a number of different types of students, including those that were previously homeschooled, those with anxiety issues, those with schedule constraints, along with many additional types of students in search of something different from traditional public school.