



Fresh Start Academy Pilot Program

Opening Fall of 2019

















Principal: Curry Werkheiser

Program Coordinator: Melissa Bruce, BCBA

Trained Behavioral Specialist

3 Certificated Teachers

3 Classroom Instructional Assistants

1 Transition Coordinator

Secretarial Support



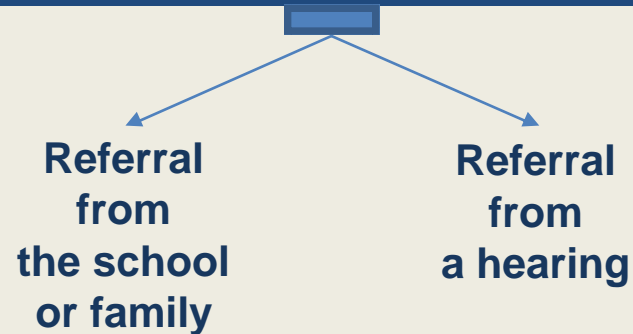
Purpose

- The Fresh Start Academy is designed to provide a data-driven, highly-structured, safe, and positive learning environment for kindergarten through second grade students who demonstrate persistently challenging behavior that impedes their ability to access academic curriculum.

Goals

- The goal of the Fresh Start Academy is to provide proactive early intervention to our youngest students to address behavior concerns for successful reintegration into the school setting
- This will be accomplished with a structured program focusing on behavior modification, building professional capacity of staff, and a collaborative partnership with parents

Referral to Fresh Start Academy



- A team of professionals consider each application and review all available data
- Parents will be involved in the decision making process
- Transportation will be provided
- Intake meetings and a tour of the facility will be scheduled
- A transition plan will be developed to support the student's return to their home school

Components of the Program

- Development of self-regulatory social and academic skills in a small group setting
- Behavior based counseling
- Grade level academic standards
- Staff from home school will visit the Fresh Start Academy to keep the connection strong with the child and learn techniques and strategies to plan for reintegration into the home school environment
- Parents will be an integral part of the program
- A transition specialist will coordinate all site visits as well as provide support once the student returns

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- Prior to referral to the Fresh Start Academy Team, the following must be considered:
 - School-wide and classroom behavior supports (including a Functional Behavior Assessment and a Behavior Plan)
 - Student Support Team (SST) plan
 - Observations conducted by school psychologist/behavior specialist
 - Data collection
 - Modified classroom environment
 - Modified schedule

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The Fresh Start Academy