

OYS Schools Reentry Work Group Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 23, 2017

Present: Shannan Garcia, Niokia Stewart, Greg Emmel, Steve Snodgrass, Jim Hubbard, Emily Adams, Debora Faga and Janee Pannkuk

New School Zones, which allow for school choice for OPS students registration is currently taking place. June 15, 2017 is the deadline to register. Reasons for creating new school zones are: 1) Safety of children; 2) Improved transportation efficiencies; 3) cost savings; 4) eliminate 'ineligible' youth to access transportation. Visit www.OPS.org for more specific information.

Review & discussion regarding work plan. Will be visited again at the March meeting.

How does this work group make school reentry more effective, efficient and simpler for student and the parent(s)/caregivers?

On-line credit could be an option for credit recovery.

Independent study and Blackburn Accelerate offer credit recovery. However, transportation is not provided to either program.

What is the role of Youth Build? Should this work group seek out collaboration with Youth Build?

OPS does not provide GED at this time. Metropolitan Community College is the main provider of GED in the metro area.

Idea of a 'Trade' school hub being developed that would provide vocational training along with credit recovery and supportive services embedded in the 'hub'. Students would go to the 'hub' to earn credits and receive supports while awaiting acceptance into 'home' school, thus eliminating 'dead time' at home school.

Is there a way to diagram the path to achieving a high school diploma/GED via year and credits earned. Example: A 17 year old with 19 credits. Should this student forget the traditional graduation path via a high school and be given 'path' for GED. Is there a way to build a 'flow chart'?

EXAMPLE ONLY

Age	Credits	Needed Credits to Graduate	Recommended Path to Graduation/GED	Additional Support Services Recommended
16	24	?	Traditional Path	
17	28	?	Traditional	Summer School
18	16		GED	Metro Community College

HOMEWORK for March 30th meeting:

If you could build you dream reentry school – what would it look like?

Next OYS Reentry Work Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the Westside ABC Building.