

Map Academy Education Service Plan

Introduction

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Sections 37H, 37H 1/2, and 37H 3/4, Map Academy must provide an opportunity for students to earn credits, make up assignments, tests, papers, and other school work as needed to make academic progress during the period of their in school suspension, short-term suspension (10 days or less), long-term suspension (10 days or more) or expulsion. Any Map Academy student who is expelled or long-term suspended from school for more than ten (10) consecutive days has the option to engage in the services described below during the duration of the school suspension. This Education Service Plan is designed to provide a comprehensive framework for ensuring continuity in education and support for students who have been suspended out of school. The plan takes into account a variety of service delivery methods to cater to different student needs and circumstances, thereby ensuring equity in educational access. The plan incorporates virtual tutoring, in person evening school, and virtual counseling.

Objectives

- 1. To ensure that suspended students continue their academic progress.
- 2. To provide emotional and psychological support through counseling.
- 3. To adapt to the unique learning needs of each student.
- 4. To support students in re-integrating into the regular school environment post-suspension.

Service Components

1. Virtual Tutoring

Virtual tutoring sessions will provide students with one-on-one academic support tailored to their unique learning needs.

Implementation

- All core subject areas
- Schedule weekly virtual tutoring sessions via a secure video conferencing tool through LearnWell tutoring.
- Assign a qualified tutor to each student.
- No transportation needed for this option.

- Map Academy teachers provide and grade assignments through the Map Academy Learning Management System.
- Map Academy will work with students and families to ensure access to WiFi.

2. Evening Studio

Evening studio classes offer suspended students the opportunity to catch up or stay on track academically in a more flexible time frame.

Implementation

- Develop an evening school schedule that aligns with the available staff support.
- Receive instruction and academic support from Map Academy teachers.
- Classes will run from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on pre scheduled days arranged in collaboration with the student/family and the school.
- Transportation not provided for this option except in extenuating circumstances for over 18 students.
- Please note that Map Academy leadership reserves the right to determine that in person Evening Studio is not an option based on safety considerations. Further, Map Academy leadership reserves the right to discontinue the Evening Studio option at any time during the suspension at their sole discretion.

3. Virtual Counseling

Virtual counseling sessions will focus on addressing any behavioral or emotional challenges the student may be experiencing.

Implementation

- Assign a certified counselor to each student.
- Conduct weekly counseling sessions via secure video conferencing.
- Develop an individualized counseling plan for each student.
- Map Academy will work with students and families to ensure access to WiFi.

4. Asynchronous Independent Work

Asynchronous independent work allows students to make academic progress utilizing the Map Academy LMS anytime and anywhere.

Implementation

- Continuity in assessment of materials with already established teachers at Map Academy.
- Familiarity with the learning management system.
- Work can be completed anytime and from anywhere.
- Students/families can coordinate with Map Academy staff to pick up folders of printed work and return them when completed.

Map Academy will work with students and families to ensure access to wifi.

Parent/Guardian Involvement

Parents and guardians are encouraged to check in on their student's progress through bi-weekly check-ins by phone or email. Their involvement in the child's academic progress will be strongly encouraged.

Accountability and Compliance

All service providers involved in this plan will be responsible for documenting their sessions and reporting their findings to the special education team for review.

Through this Education Service Plan, Map Academy Charter School is committed to providing a seamless education experience for suspended students, ensuring that they have the resources and support needed to succeed both academically and emotionally. Please review this information and contact Ryan Mclaughlin, Special Education Coordinator, if you have any questions or to arrange access to services at 508-830-9500 or rmclaughlin@themapacademy.org