

# CHOICE Program

## Choosing Heightened Options for Individually Centered Education

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Welcome to the CHOICE program designed for high school 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. CHOICE, Choosing Heightened Option for Individually Center Education, is a new alternative program just implemented in 2011 when the Riverview Learning Center opened. Our goals include working with the family and community to help develop life-long learners who can experience success in a smaller educational environment and develop an understanding of their strengths while developing skills. Additionally, students in CHOICE learn how to recognize the importance of their role in determining their own future through the contributions they can make by volunteering, working as a partner with local businesses and agencies, and participating in field experience options in education and future employment.

Students in the CHOICE program experience a six-period day. The students have two instructors who deliver the curriculum in both a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic) and Humanities (Language Arts, Social Studies/Sciences, and Arts) format. Because class size is smaller than typical classrooms, we are able to create an environment that gives a sense of community that is very individualized to help students reach their potential. The students attend the program for a full day and are in attendance from 8:10 a.m.-2:25 p.m. CHOICE follows the same calendar as the other full-time schools in the Riverview School District.

CHOICE is a relatively new program and we are continually evolving and learning how to meet the needs of these young learners while providing them the opportunity to earn high school credit. Ongoing field experiences, guest speakers, and establishing regular places to help students connect their learning is a large part of our success and also a great way to help students learn. We are a high energy program that individualizes learning for each and every student.

We welcome your support, your ideas, and your partnership in joining us on this exciting new adventure for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Sincerely,

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# Mission

## Mission Statement

CHOICE is for students to improve their school commitment through increased academic, personal, social, and career growth.

Students must possess the following traits:

- ◆ Dedication to come to school everyday, on time, and prepared to learn.
- ◆ A desire to work and make continuous academic progress.
- ◆ The ability to work well in a small-group setting with limited transitions.
- ◆ Skills to work in a technological environment and work collaboratively with other students.
- ◆ The ability to establish a positive relationship with one or two teachers a day within limited course offerings.
- ◆ The desire and interest to advance academically, socially, physically and emotionally

## Expectations

- ◆ Students are required to come to school every day following the district calendar.
- ◆ Students will focus on their studies and meet academic expectations.
- ◆ Students will act in a respectful manner at all times both on campus in the building and off campus during field experiences.
- ◆ Students must be willing to participate in community service.
- ◆ Students must attend field experiences and opportunities as designed by the instructors.
- ◆ Students will sign and abide by an attendance and behavioral contract.

## Vision

As an educational alternative to the comprehensive high school, CHOICE provides 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with an education that is focused on real-life, hands-on, career-based learning within a smaller classroom setting.

As a program that is newly established as an additional venue to meet the needs of learners, the CHOICE program has the vision of working toward integrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Humanities (Language Arts, Social Studies, Social Sciences and Arts).

Since the program is aligned with state standards and graduation requirements, Health and Physical Education is offered within the day as well.

A key educational component to involve students in hands-on and career-focused learning occurs through high involvement in service learning and career exploration in the community and in the surrounding region.

Students will apply their learning to real-life situations and will experience options through a myriad of opportunities and partnerships both inside and outside the school building.

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