TEC Phoenix Academy Overview

TEC Phoenix Academy is designed for students in Grades 7-12 with academic, emotional and/or behavioral challenges that necessitate a small structured educational setting.

Designed for students who have found it difficult to cope with the large high school academic and social demands, TEC Phoenix Academy provides support for students who prior to enrolling have experienced behavioral challenges possibly related but not limited to:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- ADHD
- Mood Disorders
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder

Our goal is to engage students and support their development of adaptive and academic skills that will allow them to return to their local high school.

- Academic curriculum aligned with the Curriculum Frameworks
- Serving students in grades 7-12
- Online and Blended Courses
- Students receive the diploma of their sending high school
- Graduating students are prepared for college admission and/or careers
- Short term 45-day placements are available

Staff

TEC Phoenix Academy is headed by a Principal, who provides leadership, policy and operational direction. Professional staff include licensed academic teachers who specialize in core subjects, licensed school social workers, clinical/behavioral specialists, instructional support staff and an administrative assistant.

Referrals

School districts refer students, and upon receipt, intake interviews are scheduled by the Principal/Program Director. All students must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian for the intake interview.

Outside Related Services

The population of TEC Phoenix Academy receives extensive support services, provided by many community agencies, such as:

- Pre-Ets
- Walpole Police School Mentor Program
- Youth Advocate Program
- Department of Mental Health
- New England Jobs Corps
- Dept. of Children and Families

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TEC Phoenix Academy prepares students for post-secondary education and training in an atmosphere of high expectations, strong support, and personal responsibility.

Our resource rich classrooms are equipped with a range of instructional and assistive technologies including a 1:1 Chromebook program and access to a comprehensive selection of online and blended courses providing a pathway to credit recovery, acceleration, exploration and Advanced Placement. Self-growth activities including physical education, skiing, field trips and community service also offered.

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

TEC Phoenix Academy students will effectively:

- Think critically and creatively
- Apply scientific principles and processes
- Read to comprehend and evaluate
- Use technology
- Write for various audiences
- Engage in therapeutic intervention
- Listen, discuss, speak, and present in formal and informal settings

**SOCIAL & CIVIC EXPECTATIONS**

TEC Phoenix Academy students will:

- Engage in activities that foster citizenship, public service and community awareness
- Demonstrate behavior that adheres to reasonable and appropriate standards of conduct

**WHAT’S UNIQUE ABOUT TEC PHOENIX ACADEMY?**

At TEC Phoenix Academy we strive to provide our students with a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum within a dynamic and supportive learning community.

**Academic Curriculum**

Our academic curriculum is aligned with the Curriculum Frameworks.

- Vocational Electives include: Culinary Arts, Computer Repair, Car Detailing, Woodworking, Coding, and Photography
- On-line courses
- Physical Education

**Instructional Technology**

- 1:1 Chromebook Computer Program
- Computer lab with 3-D printing
- Resource lab with interactive projection systems

**Guest Speakers**

- Frequent guest speakers present on current events and relevant topics

**Field Trips**

- College/Career Trips
- Self-growth activities at Hale Reservation

**Community Service**

- Students volunteer in our community including Unity Farm Sanctuary, The Norwood Senior Center, Earth Day, and Agricultural Projects
- Students participate in quarterly volunteering days, contribute to the community & participate in team building