

## Highly Qualified Staff

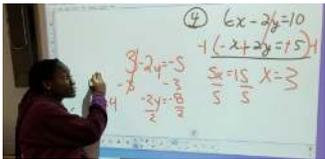


TEC Phoenix Academy is headed by a Principal, who provides leadership, policy, and operational direction. Professional staff includes licensed academic teachers who specialize in core subjects, licensed social workers, clinical / behavioral specialists, instructional

support staff, and an administrative assistant.

## Referrals

School districts refer students and intake interviews are scheduled by the Principal. 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 community agencies such as:

- MA Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Walpole Police School Mentor Program
- MA Youth Advocate Program
- Department of Mental Health
- New England Jobs Corps
- Department of Children and Families

## 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. TEC Phoenix Academy provides support for students who have found it difficult to cope with the large high school academic and social demands and have experienced behavioral challenges related to:

- Anxiety, depression, and mood disorders
- ADHD and Oppositional Defiance Disorder
- Social-emotional regulation, executive functioning issues, substance abuse.

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 schools.

- Academic curriculum aligned with Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
- Online and blended courses available to supplement in-person curriculum
- College admission and/or career preparation
- Substance abuse prevention/education
- Trauma-informed problem-solving
- Short-term 45-day placements available

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# TEC PHOENIX ACADEMY



## EDUCATION COLLABORATION DECISION-MAKING

### TEC Phoenix Academy

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## OUR MISSION

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

TEC Phoenix Academy is located in the **historic Plimpton School** on the campus of Walpole High School. The program engages students and provides individualized support to develop adaptive and academic skills needed to reach their full potential.

An integrated team of skilled adjustment counselors and educators assists students to develop a sense of self-awareness and effective personal decision-making that will enable them to acquire the knowledge and skills needed for success in school, college, and career.



Licensed social workers provide ongoing counseling, clinical consulting, and case management. College and career counseling prepares students for success in school and beyond through goal development, interest assessment, and internship opportunities within the community.

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 are 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 AND CIVIC EXPECTATIONS

TEC Phoenix Academy students will:

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

## WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT TPA?

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 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

- Vocational electives include culinary arts, computer repair, coding, and photography
- On-line courses
- Physical education

### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- 1:1 Chromebook computer program
- Computer lab with 3D printing; gaming PCs
- Resource-rich classrooms equipped with interactive projection systems

### GUEST SPEAKERS

- Guest speakers present on current events and relevant topics

### FIELD TRIPS

- College/career trips
- Self growth activities (Hale Reservation)
- Academic trips (Salem, Walden Pond, Freedom Trail, Science Museum)



### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Students volunteer in our community (e.g., Unity Farm Sanctuary, The Norwood Senior Center, Earth Day, other agricultural projects)
- Students participate in quarterly volunteering days, contribute to the community, participate in team-building