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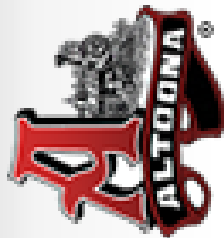
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# School District of Altoona

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## Overview

The Junction provides students with personalized alternative pathways to graduation focusing on student's individual needs.

This program gives students an option to participate in a program that includes:

- alternative methods of instruction & presentation
- rigorous curricula
- student-centered programming
- individual progress monitoring
- extending learning opportunities
- transition to postsecondary components

This program is open to students who are impacted by one or more of the following

- Credit Deficiency
- Health Concerns
- Extenuating Family Circumstances
- AODA Issues
- Other barriers to traditional education

## Referral & Acceptance Process

Students interested in the GEDO#2 program, the 17 credit option, and/or the academic block scheduling option must apply and be accepted.

### Application Process

1. Students & parents interested in the Junction complete the program application; Applications are available online or at the high school office
2. Applications are reviewed by the Pupil Services Team. A rating rubric is applied to determine appropriate placement for the student
3. Student & parents are notified of decision. If accepted, a meeting will be scheduled to design a plan.

\*\*\*Students who have failed and need to make up a required class may be placed in the credit recovery program by the guidance office.

## 24 Credit Diploma

This pathway involves a combination of classes and supports in the high school and the Junction program and follows the traditional 24-credit requirements. Students typically complete core academic classes in the Core Academic Block.

## 17 Credit Diploma

This pathway requires the student to complete the following credits :

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Science
- 1.5 credits of Physical Education
- .5 of Health
- .5 credits of Personal Finance
- 1.5 additional credits directed by the Junction Staff

Credits may be completed through a combination of courses and supports provided through the Junction, traditional offerings through the high school, online course offerings, and vocational or work experience.

Students completing this pathway will earn a regular high school diploma from the Altoona

### **Core Academic Block**

- Students on the 17 credit or 24 credit diploma pathway are scheduled into the Junction for a 3-period academic block.
- Students complete core academic classes by participating in a mix of small class instruction, online learning, and project or problem based learning activities.
- Class size is limited to 15 students

## GEDO#2

This pathway is available to students who are:

- 17 years old or older
- Significantly credit deficient and at risk of not completing the requirements for a high school diploma

Prior to acceptance, students must successfully complete a 3-4 week trial period during which they:

- Maintain a 90% attendance rate
- Make good academic preparation progress
- Maintain good conduct and behavior
- Secure employment

At successful completion of the trial period, a meeting is held to complete the student's official GEDO#2 application that is submitted to the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction.

## GEDO#2 students are required to:

- Participate in the Alternative Learning Center a minimum of 15 hours/week
- Successfully demonstrate proficiency in the core academic areas: ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Math, through GED Testing or Credits completion
- Meet additional program competencies in the areas of: Employment, Vocational, Volunteerism, and Exit Interview
- Complete coursework in Civics, Health, Personal Finance, and Physical Education

Students who compete all program requirements earn a regular high school diploma from the Altoona School District.

### **Alternative Education Philosophy**

*Alternative Education is a student-centered option that supports and embraces the diverse needs of students by providing an alternative method of delivering instruction and monitoring academic success. Rigorous curricula, intervention programs, extended learning opportunities and safe environments are characteristics of Alternative Education programs.*