



INFO SHEET

ABOUT

Founded: 2002

Enrollment: 150 at Carmel campus, 190 at Noblesville campus, 150 in Distance Education program

Class Schedule

The Options Charter Schools follow a 45 minute-daily schedule in the morning with mostly CORE classes and a blue/silver 1 hour block schedule in the afternoon with mostly recovery and elective courses.

The school day for students is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The school year consists of two (2) eighteen (18) week semesters. Students will be able to earn credit at the end of each semester.

MISSION

The Options Charter Schools is a caring community that is an alternative to the traditional high school program. Utilizing innovative approaches, we focus on the personal academic achievement as well as the health and wellness of each student. Options Charter Schools develops responsible individuals who are skilled problem solvers and caring, productive citizens.

CORE VALUES

- In an intentional and purposeful way, each student is supported and valued at school.
- Though high expectations are consistent for all, success is defined differently for each student.
- Teachers are most effective when empowered to innovate, create and inspire.

CORE BELIEFS

- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide purposeful, relevant, and challenging educational experiences.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide a safe, caring, and healthy environment that promotes freedom of thought and respect for diversity.
- We believe that each student will graduate with the skills, attitude, knowledge, and compassion to be a contributing member of society and a life-long learner.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools have the flexibility to meet the varied needs of their learners through different instructional techniques and settings.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools provide a student-centered environment where every student has an adult advocate.
- We believe that Options Charter Schools appreciate and encourage creativity as an integral part of every student's educational experience.

ANSWERING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is Options only for students with disciplinary issues?

Not at all. Options includes a number of different types of students, including those that were previously homeschooled, those with anxiety issues, those with schedule constraints, along with many additional types of students.



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ANSWERING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

What are the sizes of each class?

Options understands that students often work best when they have more personal attention. Our average class size is 15 students to one teacher. We cap our enrollment at each campus to allow for a more intimate environment.

How do you determine what my student will need to succeed?

Every student at Options will work with their dedicated counselor to develop their own personalized learning or service plan. This plan encompasses not only the academic progress that the student needs to address but also social and behavioral patterns that prevented the student from achieving success in their previous school.

When is the best time to apply to Options?

We have open enrollment throughout the academic year, therefore applications are always welcome and students are able to enroll in school as long as there are openings in their grade level. In the spring prior to the start of a new academic year, a lottery will take place that gives all applicants an equal opportunity to secure a seat at Options. All applications submitted prior to April 1 will be included in the lottery, while applications for the upcoming school year that are submitted on or after April 1 will be placed on the waiting list.

Does every student have the same class schedule?

Options allows students greater flexibility in when students attend classes. Students are required to be in the building anywhere from 3 to 6 hours a day depending upon the structure and requirements of their personalized learning plan. Additionally, Options also offers evening classes at both campuses for students who need more assistance in end of course assessment (ECA) or in certain subjects. This flexible scheduling allows students who are unable to regularly attend classes the chance to customize an educational schedule that works for them.

Is there a lunch program?

Options does not participate in the Federal School Lunch Program nor do they prepare lunch for students. Students who manage their time responsibly may leave school grounds for lunch. Students may bring their lunch to school. A refrigerator for student use is available in the student lounge/dining areas. Microwaves and toaster ovens are also available for student use. Parents who want their students to remain on school grounds and/or in the school building during the lunch hour must put the request in writing to an administrator.

Is transportation provided?

There is no bus transportation; parents are expected to provide transportation for their student(s) to and from school. Options will make every effort to assist students and their families to set up carpools.