



SERVING STUDENTS IN 129 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Options Indiana offers a different approach to learning that isn't available at other brick and mortar or virtual schools. We offer rolling enrollment and semesters, which means that every student can start and finish their courses at any time during the year. This provides students with the ability to earn credits at a faster rate.

OUR MISSION

The Options Charter Schools provide a caring community, quality education, and guidance to those students who seek an alternative to traditional schooling.

ABOUT US

- Founded in 2002 as one of the first five charter schools in the state of Indiana, Options Schools launched a distance education program in 2016, now known as Options Indiana.
- Options Schools are free, public charter schools serving students in grades 6-12 across the state of Indiana through a number of programs. With two brick and mortar campuses in Hamilton County, additional programs are located in Allen County, Fishers, Kokomo and Knightstown, IN.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- With a 16-person team, Options Indiana is able to cover the entire state and provide one-on-one support to every student in the program. With our team located throughout the state of Indiana, we are able to provide an individualized approach that is second-to-none with regular communication and in-person student-teacher/advisor meetings.
- The program helps provide a unique opportunity for students in search of an academic environment where they can 'Belong, Believe and Achieve.' Students enroll in Options-Indiana for any combination of reasons – some of which are health issues, schedule constraints or personal preference.
- Each student is paired with a certified advisor to help set and monitor weekly progress goals. In order to put students in the best position to reach their academic goals, they are able to choose how many courses they work on at a time. While teachers do not see the students on a daily basis like in a traditional classroom, our team takes pride in investing in each individual student and as a result, they make themselves available around the clock.
- A new addition in the fall of 2020, Options Indiana students can now utilize and attend a virtual campus, which includes classrooms, common areas, faculty offices and more. The Sococo platform provides students with a seamless way to progress through coursework and receive real-time assistance from Options teachers, in addition to interacting and socializing with classmates.
- The curriculum is web-based and can be accessed any time of day, any day of the week. Students are expected to complete 15 hours of work per seven-day week, with students in control of setting their schedule to obtain the necessary requirement.
- Students complete schoolwork through the web-based program, Edmentum, and will be able to communicate with teachers via email, Sococo and other methods. Options Indiana students will also utilize Google Suite programs to complete assignments.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Is there a certain "type" of student that is best for this program?

Anyone looking to learn is a perfect fit for Options Indiana. We serve students of all backgrounds and abilities, with students benefiting from the flexibility of Options Indiana in a number of ways. While a majority of students enrolled are within the age range of 12-18, we work with adult learners as well & there is no age limit on the program. Regardless of your situation, the benefits of receiving your education from Options Indiana are seen by all.

How long does it take to complete a class?

While there is no set time on how quickly a student can complete a course, one course requires between 20 and 40 hours of work, on average.

Do Options graduates receive an accredited high school diploma like at a traditional high school?

Yes, all Options graduates receive a high school diploma that is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. Students have the opportunity to choose from the following diploma designations: General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors (AHD) or Core 40 with Technical Honors (THD).

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

Every student at Options will work with their dedicated counselor & advisor 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-emotional and behavioral patterns that will allow the student to achieve success.

Can students take foreign language courses?

Yes. While students will not receive instruction from an Options teacher, they will receive instruction from a teacher through the Edmentum Online Learning platform. Several foreign language courses are available through Edmentum.

Can Options students take courses to receive college credit?

Students in good standing will have the opportunity to enroll in courses at Ivy Tech & J Everett Light Career Center, while still working towards their high school diploma at Options. Select Ivy Tech courses are even taught on-location at an Options campus.

I saw that Options Indiana is a public, charter school, but what does that mean?

Public charter schools are independent, public, and tuition-free schools that are given the freedom to be more innovative, while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Since 2010, many research studies have found that students in charter schools do better in school than their traditional school peers. For example, one study by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that charter schools do a better job teaching low income students, minority students, and students who are still learning English than traditional schools. Separate studies by the Center on Reinventing Public Education and Mathematica Policy Research have found that charter school students are more likely to graduate from high school, go on to college, stay in college and have higher earnings in early adulthood.

How is alternative education defined?

Alternative Education is designed to meet the needs of students who are not succeeding in the traditional setting and at-risk of not graduating high school.

I heard that Options is a school for students with discipline issues. Is that true?

No it is not, but that is a common misconception about Options. Prior to transforming into Options Charter School in 2002, we served as an additional program for Carmel High School students from 1999 until the Indiana Charter School Law was passed in 2001. 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 in search of something different from traditional public school.