



Northwest Ohio Opportunity School & Suspension Center 2025-26 School Year

**A district alternative
for students at risk
of falling behind*

Location: Independence Education Center (IEC) Campus
6950 Independence Road, Defiance, OH 43512
Phone: 567.444.4820
School Day: 8:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mission: The mission of the Northwest Ohio Opportunity School is to provide an alternative educational setting for students who are at risk of falling behind or not graduating. The school is located in a separate facility on the IEC campus and serves both long- and short-term students.

- **Long-term students** earn credits through our online curriculum so that they may rejoin their class to graduate on time, attend vocational school or CBI, or complete their graduation requirements. The typical long-term student is in grades 5 through 12.
- **Short-term students** attend to be supervised and receive assistance with school assignments while serving suspension time. The *typical* short-term student attends for 1 to 10 days and is in grades 5 through 12. Short-term students work on school-assigned lessons and activities.

Calendar: Our school follows the Independence Education Center (IEC) calendar. For delays and/or closures, the Opportunity School follows the IEC schedule as well.

Transportation: Student transportation must be coordinated by the home school. The Opportunity School **does not** provide transportation. **Note:** There is an *afternoon* shuttle provided from the IEC/Opportunity School to Four County Career Center for districts that do not transport students from the IEC. **Students are not permitted to drive to the Opportunity School.**

Opportunity School Handbook: Full program information, including the required enrollment forms for both short- and long-term students, can be found at: <https://www.nwoesc.org/NWOhioOpportunitySchool>

Cost:

- Long-Term program (credit recovery/expulsion/etc.) is \$80 per day/student. Partial day enrollments are billed at full day rate.
- Short-Term program (in-school suspension) is \$60 per day/student (up to 10 consecutive days).

Opportunity School Staff

- **Stacey Parrish, Opportunity School Supervisor**
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- **Brandi Sabatino, Instructional Assistant**
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Process for Student Enrollment

1. Contact Stacey Parrish by phone or email **prior** to student's first day.
2. Send purchase order to NWOESC's business office (must be in place before enrollment can begin).
3. Complete enrollment forms and email to both Stacey Parrish and Brandi Sabatino (*email addresses listed above*).
4. Stacey Parrish will contact the home school principal to discuss the placement & academic needs of student.

Progress updates will be sent to the home school for long-term students. Our **Student Assignment & Communication Form** for short-term students will be provided to districts choosing to utilize this form.