



NW Ohio Opportunity School & Suspension Center 2026-27 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: 567.444.5600
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.

- **Long-term students** earn credits through our *online curriculum* so they can 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 and are *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 grade 4 through 12. (Younger students are considered on a case-by-case basis.) Short-term students work on *school-assigned* lessons.

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, however, 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 required enrollment forms for both short and long-term students, and the school calendar, can be found at:
<https://www.nwoesc.org/NWOhioOpportunitySchool>

Cost:

- Long-Term program (credit recovery/expulsion/etc.) is \$84 per day/student. Partial day enrollments are billed at full-day rate.
- Short-Term program (in-school suspension) is \$63 per day/student (up to 10 consecutive days).

Opportunity School Staff

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| • Jestine Curry, Opportunity School Administrator | Phone: 567.444.5600
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| • Brandi Sabatino, Instructional Assistant | Phone: 567.444.5610
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Student Enrollment Process

1. Contact Jestine Curry 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 Jestine Curry (*email address listed above*).
4. Jestine Curry will contact the home school principal to discuss the placement & academic needs of student.

Regular updates will be sent to the home school for long-term students. Our **Student Assignment & Communication Form** for short-term students will be sent to the home school principal to share with teachers.