



The Partnership Academy

8:35 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

One Semester - on alternating days

Week 1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Week 2: Tuesday, Thursday

The Partnership Academy is designed for “at-risk” students in the 10-12th grades. The program provides small group instruction in English, Math, and Social Studies. Students also take a Teen Choices/Discovery class to learn and practice appropriate coping strategies. Students in this program may earn up to 4 credits during the semester, while also earning credits for their remaining classes at their school on alternating days.



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The Partnership Academy is an intensive intervention program that is focused on healthy relationship and essential skill development to support students success upon their return to their neighborhood schools.

- This program is designed for 10th –12th grade students
- Students eligible for this program must be “at-risk” of not graduating because of credit deficiencies, truancy, and/or motivation issues or who require an alternative educational setting
- Parents/guardians are required to conference with their home school counselor prior to their student’s participation in the program
- Each high school may refer students, each semester
- The high school will adjust the student’s schedule to accommodate his/her attendance in the program

- The sending school’s counselors will complete the referral form and work with the Partnership Academy staff
- Transportation to the Partnership Academy is provided by a parent, guardian, or student
- Upon returning to the student’s home school, a designated staff member will monitor each student’s progress and communicate with the Partnership Academy staff
- The Partnership Academy is designed to be a one semester commitment, with a second semester as an option based upon the full team’s recommendation



Mr. Todd Kirkendall is the Program Lead for New Opportunity Programs. Mr. Kirkendall holds a M.Ed. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, as well as a B.B.A. from Western Michigan University. He successfully completed the Principal Licensure Program from U.C.C.S.

Ms. Angela Cross teaches Language Arts for NOP. She holds a master’s in Secondary Education from the University of Rochester in Rochester , N.Y. Ms. Cross also has experience working with adolescents and their families experiencing medical illnesses.

Mr. Frank Kmilek teaches Math for the NOP . His B.A. in Education is from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Mr. Kmilek is highly qualified in both Language Arts and Social Studies as well as in Mathematics.

Ms. Patty Kreidel is the Social Studies teacher for the program. Ms. Kreidel has a B.S. in History and an M. A. in Curriculum and Instruction from U.C.C.S. She is highly qualified in Language Arts.