

Havana High School

Contract Abstract

This contract has been entered into for the purpose of providing a drop-out prevention program for the students of Havana High School. The contract begins July 1, 2019 and will terminate on June 30, 2020, but may be extended for two additional years. The funding amount is \$45,174.00. The enrollment goal is 20-30 students. To participate students must meet the eligibility criteria for in-school youth as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Havana High School will provide an intensive education and employment skills program for at-risk students. The dropout prevention program will serve students, ages 16-24, that have been identified by the school district as at-risk, have a deficiency in literacy or numeracy, and are economically disadvantaged.

Havana High School's Careers Program involves two classes: Careers Exploration I and Careers Exploration II. Students receive one high school credit hour per year for each course. In these classes, the students learn skills to help them be more successful in life. Topics such as goal setting and achieving, accountability, interpersonal skills, money management, job acquisition, career planning, and college preparation are covered. Havana High School will hire a part-time instructor along with a paraprofessional. The paraprofessional is available the entire day to assist students with tutoring/mentoring and to assist the instructor.

Math and reading are emphasized through a variety of activities. Reading activities include reading and discussing self-improvement books, newspapers, instructor selected articles, and research projects. Math skills are developed using real world applications like balancing a check book, figuring an interest rate, budgeting, determining area, comparison shopping, etc.

The Careers Program classes will focus on goal setting, financial literacy, accountability, responsibility, interpersonal skills, and career exploration, subjects vital for at-risk students. Math and reading will be emphasized through a variety of activities. Reading activities will include reading and discussing self-improvement books, newspapers, instructor selected articles, and research projects. Math skills will be developed using real world applications like balancing a checkbook, figuring an interest rate, budgeting, determining area, comparison-shopping, etc.

The Careers Program will continue to support the students' Careers Club. The Careers Club, established in 2014, determines what work sites and schools students will visit on field trips. The Club assists the Havana School & Park Districts in improving and maintaining buildings and grounds. The Careers Club will continue to operate the school's recycling program.

At least 50 percent of the students in the program will be placed in Work Experience or On-the-Job Training sponsored by Career Link. Students can participate in these programs either on part time or full time bases throughout the school year and/or summer. The student will receive assistance with resume writing, interviewing skills, and ongoing support services while taking part of these programs.