



New Castle Community Schools
YOUR BEST CHOICE

New Castle High School
801 Parkview Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362
Phone: 765-593-6670

Mission Statement

New Castle High School Opportunity School is a non-traditional educational program designed to meet the academic needs of students desiring to graduate from high school, but whose individual circumstances require greater flexibility in the type of instruction found in traditional school settings. The focus of the Opportunity School will be post-graduation preparation as students, families, and school staff collaborates to develop educational and social skills necessary to attain student-centered goals.



A great way to opt back into school and secure your future.

New Castle High School Opportunity School Coming Summer 2019

New Castle Community Schools is committed to the premise that all students can learn and succeed when provided with an educational environment that meets their needs and interests. Because some students may learn better outside the traditional school setting, New Castle High Schools has created a place where students can experience academic and personal success in a new way. We are pleased to announce the launch of **Opportunity School – Summer 2019.**

Opportunity School is a entirely new way for students to complete their high school education and receive their diploma. It is also a great place to take additional dual credit courses.

At **Opportunity School**:

- Experience a stress free way to opt back into school and complete what you started.
 - Complete your Diploma and secure your future.
 - Enjoy a flexible schedule designed to work with you.
 - Take one course at a time (exceptions can be made). Courses are structured for students to work at their own pace.
 - You have on site assistance if and when you need help.
 - You have a wide range of courses to select from and could take additional classes for college credit.
 - Class blocks are every day from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and will follow the regular school calendar.
 - You will attend classes away somewhat from the normal high school setting.
- Opportunity School** is located in classrooms above the Fieldhouse with a special entrance and exit. On-site parking available.

Apply by completing the **Opportunity School** Application Form on the NCHS School Web Page (under the Opportunity School Link). Or request an application by calling (765) 593-6670.

Further Questions – There is a special *Questions and Answers* section under the **Opportunity School** Link (NCHS School Web Page). Or, you can contact Kirk Amman at (765) 593-6670 or E-mail enquiries to: kamman@ncweb.me



New Castle High School Opportunity School

Site: New Castle High School – Fieldhouse upstairs classrooms

Calendar: Follow current school calendar

Cost: Standard Book Rental/Technology Fee applies plus \$25 per course taken. Access to free and reduced provisions is available.

Admission/Exit

An application must be submitted to Guidance and then a review team will identify the target population

Seniors take priority followed by juniors and may also include age appropriate sophomores and freshmen

Ideally student would have earned approximately 20 credits, including two in PE and already passed English 10 and Algebra I.

Factors considered for admission: Student lacks success in traditional setting, personal/family issues, attendance and discipline records, and student motivation.

An intake meeting with administration, counselor, teacher, parent and the student is required. Student progress will be evaluated on an on-going basis. Students must demonstrate progress in both the academic and career components. Discipline and attendance records will be reviewed. There will also be a meeting required for exit if the student does not meet expectations.

Schedule

Attend three hours per day: 8:30 to 11:30 AM

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Individual Service Plan

Student Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB _____

Student Contact Number: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Contact Number: _____

Preferred method of contact: text phone call email

School Information:

Grade Level: _____ Credits Earned: _____ Diploma Track: _____

IEP Y N TOR: _____ Case Conference Y N

Date: _____

ISTEP Results: Math: Y N Score: _____ LA: Y N Score: _____

The student meets the following criteria for placement:

- Student intends to withdraw or has withdrawn before graduation.
- Student has failed to comply academically AND would benefit from instruction offered in a manner different from the traditional school.
- Student is a parent or expectant parent AND is unable to regularly attend the traditional school.
- Student is employed and the employment is necessary for support of the student's family and it interferes with a part of the instructional day.
- Student is a disruptive student with a documented history of frequent disruptions despite repeated attempts in the traditional school to modify behavior with a progressive disciplinary program.

Additional barriers to education for the student (Check all that apply.):

- Offender/Juvenile Justice/Probation
- Homeless or Run Away
- Poor school attendance
- Mental/Emotional health
- Physical health
- Substance Abuse
- Family/Personal Relationships

Career Interest/Exploration:

Post-Secondary Plans:



You've got questions. We've got answers.

Why was the Opportunity School created?

New Castle Community Schools is committed to the premise that all students can learn and succeed when provided with an educational environment that meets their needs and interests. Because traditional school setting presents challenges for some students, NCCSC has created another place where students can experience academic success in a new way.

Who can attend Opportunity School?

Those who have opted out of High School can opt back into school and complete their diploma. Or, you may want to take additional classes that will prepare you for college.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available on line. Go to <https://www.nccsc.k12.in.us/high-school/> and follow the Opportunity School link. They are also available at New Castle High School.

Is it really that important to receive a high school diploma?

Yes it is! Dropouts are more likely to be unemployed, in poor health, live in poverty, and need public assistance.

Can a High School Diploma make that much difference in my future?

Definitely! The average annual income for a high school dropout in 2015 was \$25,636, compared to \$35,256 for a high school graduate. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

When and where is Opportunity School held?

Opportunity School classes are held at New Castle High School at 801 Parkview Dr. Classes are offered each day from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. And follows the regular school calendar.

What's the difference between Opportunity School and New Castle High School?

The major difference is you will be in a school setting that has a flexible schedule designed to work with you. Courses are structured for you to work at your own pace. In addition, you will have on site assistance if and when needed.

What's the cost?

Standard Book Rental/Technology Fee applies plus \$25 per course taken. Access to free and reduced provisions is available.

What classes are offered?

Numerous classes are available. You have the ability to complete general diploma requirements or can venture into specific subjects geared toward a future job skill.

Is attendance required in order to complete my course work?

Yes ~ you will need to do your course work on site.

Will I be able to "walk" with my graduating class during the Commencement Ceremony?

Yes ~ if all requirements for your diploma have been met.

Can I begin taking courses mid-year (second semester)?

Yes, you can if your application is accepted into the program.

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Application

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone/Parent cell phones: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____

Best day and time for intake meeting: _____

What are your reasons for exploring this alternative education program verses your current educational opportunities at New Castle High School?
