

## Francis Howell Union High School Quick Overview

Francis Howell Union High School---credit recovery “alternative” high school for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students--- **Tier 1** in our Pyramid of Interventions.

- 75 maximum students.
- We have 14 staff members: Principal, 1 secretary, Counselor, Educational Support Counselor and 10 staff members.
- Day runs from 7:55-1:50 p.m. (We have our own cafeteria and serve lunch)
- A quarter at the comprehensive high school is a 9 week semester at FHU.
- We are on the block schedule with 4 blocks of 75 minutes.
- We support the 3 comprehensive high schools in the FHSD and students must interview for a placement to the alternative high school.
- Students in this program sign a written contract.
- Blended curriculum—students spend half of their day on the computer in science, social studies, intermediate algebra, algebra II, geometry and some electives. English is a blended curriculum half on the computer and half on reading/writing. FHU uses the Edmentum Online Learning System to deliver curriculum for the computer classes.
  - Technology is the key to our success here at FHU through District Office support.
  - Computers in every classroom and smart boards in all classrooms.
  - IPAD lab
  - Library
  - Weight room / Multi-purpose room
  - Cafeteria

- Spend the other part of the day in Direct Instruction classes--- physical education, art, speech, creative writing, marketing 1 & 2, photojournalism, contemporary issues, yearbook, algebra 1 and newspaper.
- Students at FHU have a Project/Problem Based Learning component as part of each 9 week semester where they have to create a project in their direct instruction classes that uses 21st Century Skills (Communication, Collaboration, Critical thinking skills and Creativity). With each project there must be a multi-media component and a presentation piece at the end of the 9 weeks.

The Missouri Option Program---Additional alternative program for seniors or fourth semester juniors. ---students in this program have tried the alternative high school or were in danger of dropping out of their comprehensive high school. **Tier 2** in our Pyramid of Interventions.

- We run 2 sessions of the MO Op Program from 7:45-10:45 a.m. and then from 11:15-2:15 p.m. with 50-60 current students.
- Students in this program sign a written contract.
- Students must take health, American Government and personal finance.
- Students also take the HiSET Assessment as an exit exam.
- The teacher uses the Edmentum Online Learning System.
- Teacher goes over writing 5 paragraph essays, test taking skills, political cartoons and how to read charts and graphs.

The Pre-Missouri Option Program—Additional alternative program for juniors who have very few credits and are in danger of dropping out of Francis Howell Union High School. Students in this program have tried the alternative high school but feel the road is too long. In the Pre-Missouri Option Program, students

work towards completing the requirements of the Missouri Option program and then transfer to that program as seniors and then take the HiSET.

The Alternative Learning Center (ALC)---Long term suspension center for students who are suspended 180 days. **Tier 3** in our Pyramid of Interventions

- We run 2 sessions of the ALC Program from 7:00-10:00 a.m. and then from 11:00-2:00 p.m. with 2 classrooms that hold 15 students each. --We currently have 30 students in this program but historically have 60 or more by the end of May.
- Students in this program have an initial intake meeting and sign a written contract.
- Students in this program are put on the A+ Anywhere Learning Software System for the duration of their stay in the ALC.
  - Students in this program generally have an educational support counselor referral, a drug counseling component and a Preferred Family Referral.