

Wood County Alternative School (WCAS)

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PHILOSOPHY



WCAS is based on the philosophy that many students' educational needs cannot be met through traditional models. Our goal is to provide an alternative learning environment to students who have experienced problems engaging in more traditional forms of education.

WCAS will remove these barriers to learning as students receive an education based on the concept that each person learns best when engaging in activities which apply directly to their lives.

WCAS is based on the philosophy that students can change. Positive change in students is best accelerated through cognitive behavior modification, accountability, structure and individual educational programming. We seek to increase family involvement through continual communication with parents, which ensures the success of our students.

Program Goals

I. Individual Goals

- Develop positive habits in thinking
- Improve self-esteem by moving successfully through the CESA 5 program
- Increase appropriate coping and decision-making skills

II. Family Goals

- Increase communication within the family unit
- Increase parental involvement
- Empower family unit to function successfully

III. Academic Goals

- Complete academic requirements
- Address behavioral functioning within school setting
- Re-integrate to home school to the highest level of individual capabilities
- Improve academic skills

IV. Community Goals

- Learn to function positively within a peer group
- Create a value system matching the values of the community
- Develop responsibility through involvement in the community

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Mission Statement

WCAS's MISSION is to assist students in developing the skills needed to become productive, successful and contributing members of the community.

The program is a collaborative effort between Cooperative Educational Service Agency 5 (CESA 5), Wood County Department of Health and Human Services and the school districts of: Auburndale, Marshfield, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids.

