ISAEP ATTENDANCE

- Students are encouraged to re-enroll in traditional school or in an alternative GED program at any time by making an appointment with their home school counselor.
- Students who miss 5 unexcused days will be withdrawn from the program with the opportunity of returning to complete their ISAEP the following 9 weeks.
- Students must meet GED qualifying test requirements in order to take the GED exam (a minimum of 150 on each of the 4 parts of the GED Ready or GED Academy practice test and may remain in the ISAEP program until those requirements have been met.
- The vocational component of the ISAEP must be satisfied for the student to meet the State compulsory attendance requirements. A minimum of 10 hours per week of employment or internship in a verifiable work-based career field with monthly progress reports will satisfy this component.

OUR PROGRAM HAS TWO GOALS:

1. GET THE STUDENT BACK INTO SCHOOL.
2. TRAIN THE STUDENT TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE GED WHILE PROVIDING VOCATIONAL AND CAREER SKILLS TRAINING TO ALLOW FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION IN THE WORK FORCE OR HIGHER EDUCATION.

ISAEP COURSE INFORMATION

The Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) is defined as an educational program which has been established to serve and assist students who appear unlikely to complete a traditional high school program. It will provide them with an opportunity to earn a modified high school diploma and to gain vocational experience in his/her career area as assessed in their individual “CareerScope” profile. The ISAEP also offers employability skills training to help in entering the work force.

ISAEP REQUIREMENTS

- Student must be 16 years of age in order to satisfy the age requirement of the American Council on Education regarding GED testing.
- A mandatory meeting between the student, parent/s, and a school principal/designee and ISEAP coordinator will provide an overview of the program.
- Student must score a 7.5 Grade Equivalent on a recognized standardized reading test (TABE) to enter the program.
- Student must score a 125 on all the GED Ready or GED Academy Practice tests to enter the program. This is the official GED Practice Test, which is a half-length version of the GED exam. The cost is $20 for all four tests.
- Student is expected to be in class each day unless they have a legitimate excuse. A written note is required on the first day back. Failure to comply will result in violation of the compulsory attendance laws and appropriate legal action will be taken.
- The new 2014 GED test can be taken at a cost of $30 for each of the four parts. Two additional retests may be taken for $10 if needed.
CAREERSCOPE

There are two primary components: the Interest Inventory & the Aptitude Assessment. The CareerScope Management System provides an assessment profile which documents, analyzes and graphs the interest inventory responses into twelve interest areas and identifies the strongest areas. The aptitude portion reports and graphs the standard and percentile scores which define each interest area and aptitude and provides concrete occupational examples and specific job tasks. Career recommendations and reports are based U.S. Dept. of Labor standards.

COMPLETION

As soon as a student has completed all of the ISAEP components including qualifying for a GED credential, he/she will be assigned a unique exit code that will signify withdrawal but completing a recognized secondary credential, and they should be counted on the home school’s “Report of Graduates” submitted to the Dept. of Education and released from compulsory education. Note that students not in the ISAEP program who qualify for a GED credential are counted as non-graduates.

ISAEP SERVICES

- Each ISAEP student spends a minimum of 15 hours/week on academic content designed to prepare the student for the GED tests.
- Vocational Assessment: Students will be administered a CareerScope to help them identify individual career interests.
- Career guidance & counseling, including the impact of the failure to complete high school. (High school and GED graduates earn on the average of $6,551 more per year than non-grads.)
- Occupational training for those not gainfully employed nor completing an internship in a career interest area.
- Regular informative progress reports to both students and parents in the areas of academic and occupational participation.
- Academic and occupational advice and guidance from an ISAEP coordinator.
- Appropriate accommodations are provided for students with documented disabilities. These students may continue to receive services while participating in the ISAEP program. However, no exemptions will be made to scores on pre-GED testing. Please be aware that accommodations given for ISAEP may not be the same given for the GED tests.

Economics & Personal Finance Course

Students will need to enroll in a Virginia Department of Education approved Economics and Personal Finance class prior to completion of the ISAEP program.