

# **Overview of the EDCO Youth Alternative Program**

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# Introduction

- School has 39 year partnership with BPS as school-to-career program.
- Process begins today for you and for EDCO.
- Aim is a good fit for students.
- Successful next step.

# Goals for All Students

- BPS Diploma
- Productive step beyond diploma
  - ◆ Post-Secondary Education
  - ◆ Advanced Training
  - ◆ Employment

# Values of the Program

- Respect for self and others.
- Safe, comfortable, and consistent learning environment.
- Attention to the individual—both academic and supportive.

# Program Outline

Classes: Period 1-6 (9:00 to 2:30) for Core Academic Courses (non-stratified) meeting BPS graduation requirements.

2:30-3:30 Academic Support and Co-curricular activities.

Online and Work-Based Learning options, MCAS preparation and remediation.

# You supply

- Positive attitude and a growth mindset: Be “always better”.
- Willingness to work hard.
- Commitment to EDCO’s rules and expectations.

# Rules you need to consider carefully

- No fighting or intimidation, with commitment to conflict resolution.
- Respond to staff requests or directives.
- Emphasis on attendance and participation.
- Professional behavior (language, cellular phones, substance-free, etc.).

# EDCO supplies

- Knowledgeable and committed staff.
- Small classes (15:1)
- On-site personal and academic counseling
- College and career skills
- Post-secondary preparation



# EDCO Student Support

- Conflict resolution between students; also, between students and staff.
- Problem/crisis management. Assistance with challenges that students face during the school day.
- Outside of school obstacles: personal, family, neighborhood, societal.

# EDCO believes that

- THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT.
- YOU CAN DO THIS.
- WE WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU.