



Syracuse Arts Academy
Junior High School
Opportunities for Success Program

Overview

The Opportunity for Success Program is being created to support students who need more time to complete assigned work. It is a progressive intervention that is tailored to the needs and abilities of each student. Because the program takes time outside the regular school day, students will be able to attend all of their regular classes while making up incomplete work. It will also support less motivated students by allowing them to move out of the program once their work is complete.

Changes 3rd Term

There have been a few changes to the Opportunity for Success Program for 3rd Term. The Program Coordinator will take on a larger role in placing and monitoring students. The Coordinator will also be responsible for the majority of the communication with parents.

To support students and their hard work in the program, students who complete their work outside the 2 week late work policy timeline will still receive 25% credit for any completed work within the program. This way students will continue to gain points and improve their grades anytime they complete their work.

We will no longer offer Lunch Opportunity. In determining the effectiveness of the program, the lunch component offered too short a timeframe for students to complete much of their work. So once a student is identified, they will start Opportunity in their Advisory Class and then be given After School Opportunity as the second step in the program.

Program Structure

Opportunities for Success will be scheduled each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the school year. The Opportunity Room will be staffed with a certificated teacher who will support students in their work completion, track referred students, communicate with teachers when students complete assigned work, and help academically when possible.

Students will be referred by their advisory teacher when they have at least 10 missing assignments and at least 2 “D’s” or “F’s” at anytime after the first 3 weeks of a term. Work make-up will follow the following priority: Tier 1 - Math, English, Tier - 2 Science, Social Studies, Tier 3 - Other Required Classes ie. CCA, Tech Ed. PE, Health, etc., Tier 4 - Electives.

Students will be assigned to the intervention classes as such: Advisory, After School Opportunity, Saturday Opportunity. (See the Chart Below)

Setting	Advisory	After School	Saturday
Sessions	2 Sessions for each class	2 Hours - 1 hour per day T-Th	4 hours per Saturday Opportunity Assigned



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Assigner	Opportunity Coordinator	Opportunity Coordinator	Opportunity Program Teacher and Administration
Tracking	Classroom Teacher Opportunity Coordinator	Opportunity Coordinator	Opportunity Coordinator
Parent Contacted By Whom	No	Yes/Opportunity Teacher	Yes/Administration

Advisory

Students will be referred to Advisory Opportunity by their Advisory teacher once they meet the criteria. The advisory teacher will add them to the opportunity spreadsheet linked to the advisory spreadsheet. Once the student is placed into the Opportunity Program, the student's advisory teacher will determine which work to complete and if the student can go to another advisory. Communication to parent and student will be the responsibility of the Advisory teacher. The Opportunity Program teacher will monitor the Opportunity Spreadsheet.

After School Opportunity

The Opportunity Teacher will coordinate with classroom teachers using the Opportunity Program Spreadsheet to determine work completion. Students will continue in After School Opportunity at the discretion of the Opportunity Program Teacher. The Opportunity Program Teacher will pick-up students assigned to after-school Opportunity during their advisory period. If the Opportunity Program Teacher feels a student needs to be referred to Saturday School Opportunity, they will communicate with the school administration. The administration will make the referral if deemed appropriate and parents will be notified by the administration.

Saturday Opportunity

A student will only be referred to Saturday School Opportunity if they fail to make progress on completing their work and with the agreement of their parents. The Saturday School Team will be given a list of assignments to be given during Saturday School for each student.