

FreshStart

FreshStart is a self-contained program designed specifically for true ninth grade students who struggle academically and/or behaviorally. Students stay in a cohort environment with teachers who provide core content instruction in English, Math, Social Studies and elective offerings.

This highly structured environment places student behavior modification as a primary goal toward academic achievement. Students receive daily counseling by a highly trained counselor and/or social worker who coordinate efforts through a system of positive levels to decrease barriers that hinder academic growth. Students are assigned a seasoned Riverside student from the Leadership Development course to mentor FreshStart students and increase their ability to cope with the struggles facing many students in high school.

Instruction is modified based on student learning styles and includes critical thinking development through experiential learning and project-based instruction. Students begin to learn through a process similar to what adults use in the real world of work. This authentic teaching approach connects what is learned in the classroom to the world beyond high school.

Designed as a one semester program, students who successfully complete FreshStart Objectives are prepared to enter Riverside Academy.

For more information on enrolling in this program, please contact The L'Anse Creuse - Riverside Academy at **586-783-6420, Ext. 1204.**



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students may also take advantage of:

Guided Study Hall:

Guided Study Hall was designed to implement the "failure is Not An Option Unless You Choose To" philosophy. Since attendance is often the reason for unsuccessful completion of credit, FreshStart and Riverside students are allowed to "make-up" time at a 2:1 ratio. For every hour over allotted emergency time, students must make up two hours in the GSH. Reinforcement activities to better prepare students for the Michigan Merit Exam are the curriculum offered once students have completed specific course work they missed via their absence.

Clubs & Activities:

New clubs and activities are offered weekly to allow students an opportunity to express themselves through areas such as art, crafts, dance, games and athletics. Students in good standing are eligible to participate in all clubs and other social activities.

Individual Counseling:

Beyond the daily Life Skills counseling, students may need additional, personal support. Counselors are available to help students overcome these issues and regularly check back with students as necessary.

Weekly Progress Reports:

Students receive weekly progress reports from their instructors to guide parents and students in their learning. Through the use of weekly reports, students who are getting off track can be more easily re-directed through the combined efforts of student, staff and parents.

Differentiated Instruction:

Upon entering FreshStart, students are assessed in Reading, Writing and Math. Individualized learning is targeted to each student based on data from this assessment. Instructors can work more diligently with each student based on his/her individual weak areas to strengthen ELA and Math skills, which will better prepare students for further secondary experiences.

College Preparation

ACT Plan: Each FreshStart student will take the ACT Plan, an assessment that aligns with the ACT college test and is also part of the new Michigan Merit Exam for all 11th-grade students.

Macomb Community College Articulations: Upon successful completion of Discovery and/or Sales & Marketing I & II, students may be eligible for up to 5 college credits.



We're Moving!

In August of 2009, L'Anse Creuse will open the DiAnne M. Pellerin Center, the new home for Riverside Academy! This new learning environment will further enrich student learning through its state-of-the-art features designed for non-traditional learners.

