



POINT OPTION



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College, Career and Citizen-Ready

School Overview

As we recognize student and societal needs in the early 21st century, it is our goal to offer opportunities for students to experience unique approaches to education including:

- small class sizes and flexible scheduling,
- increased opportunity for individual attention,
- team teaching, project-based learning, and community outreach,
- the ability to accelerate their learning through technology and on-site distance learning.

As a teaching and learning community, Point Option emphasizes personal responsibility and self-reliance as keys to student success. Point Option is dedicated to the education of the whole person -- student and citizen. The student chooses Point Option, and he/she will be held to the highest ethical and behavioral standards.

Character Education Strand

Students at Point Option learn about character education, conflict mediation, personal responsibility and self-discipline. Students in the program have a voice in the determination of program policies, procedures, and consequences. Therefore, the Point Option student is expected to model appropriate behavior and possess the ability to make his or her own choices resulting in individual academic success. Students experiencing difficulty in their school or social life are afforded the opportunity to participate in a variety of life skills focus groups to assist with areas of concern in their lives.

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Point Option History

Point Option began in 1973 as a Title 111(IVC) grant program in Newport News, Virginia and continues to be a voluntary high school program of choice requiring an application process.

Point Option moved to New Horizons in August 1995 in an attempt to become a regional program; however, the high school program is now limited to the residents of Newport News.

The program has had four homes during its 30 year existence and recently moved into a new facility centrally located off of J. Clyde Morris Blvd. & Diligence Drive to provide better access to all of the NNPS comprehensive high schools.

Detailed evaluations were conducted by the local system and the state auditors during the early years of the program. School Improvement Objectives have been the basis for more recent evaluations.

Students best served by the program are generally high ability, underachieving high school youth.

Data kept during the lifetime of the school indicate positive increases in attendance, achievement and attitude.

Parent surveys indicate positive results in their responses to statements about their student's attitudes and achievement.

NNPS provides transportation to and from Point Option from students' zoned schools.

Graduates and participants continue to maintain ties to the school. Graduates include persons from all walks of life including; lawyers, police, contractors, computer specialist and sales persons.



Smart, Safe Schools

About Our Program

The Point Option High School program offers a unique opportunity for students to experience teaching and learning in a non-traditional way. It also offers students of ability and determination a "second chance" to recapture credits and/or to accelerate their graduation in order to enter the workforce or post-secondary education.

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Departments:

- ◇ Career & Technical Education - Business
- ◇ English/Journalism
- ◇ Health/Physical Education/Driver's Education
- ◇ Mathematics
- ◇ Science
- ◇ Social Sciences/Outdoor Education

Mission Statement:

The mission of Point Option is to foster personal development and academic growth in non-traditional students with diverse learning styles utilizing a small, supportive and challenging environment.

Beliefs:

- All students have the ability to experience success.
- All students have worth.
- Personal responsibility is essential to success.
- All students should have the opportunity to excel.
- Learning extends beyond the classroom.
- Positive home-school relationships enhance student potential.
- **Smart** is something everyone can become.

Goals:

- Offer youth who struggle to fit into the comprehensive high school environment a viable opportunity for success.
- Provide students with the opportunity to recover credits and/or accelerate the process to earn a high school diploma.
- Help youth grow emotionally, work independently, and become more responsible for their own behavior.
- Help all students to become Career, College & Citizen Ready!

Who Attends Point Option?

The Point Option student possesses average to above average academic ability but has not been successful in their home/zoned school environment.

- ⇒ Students with high SOL scores & low grades.
- ⇒ Students with high SOL scores and poor attendance.
- ⇒ Capable students who could benefit from a small pupil-to-teacher ratio and can work independently.
- ⇒ Capable students who can increase their course load through a combination of in-house distance & classroom learning.
- ⇒ Capable students who can "recover failed credits" through in-house distance learning.
- ⇒ Capable senior students who could complete high school in one semester through classroom &/or on-site distance learning.
- ⇒ Capable senior students who need flexible schedules due to personal issues.

Admission Process:

Admission to Point Option is voluntary and requires an official application. Students will be selected based on these factors:

- the capability to be academically successful
- appropriate school and social behavior

The Point Option School program offers a unique opportunity for the students in the Newport News community to experience teaching and learning in a non-traditional way. It also offers students of ability and determination a second chance to recapture credits and/or to accelerate their graduation in order to enter the workforce or post-secondary education.

Online Application can be found at:

<http://pointoption.nn.k12.va.us/export/sites/PointOption/documents/application.pdf>