

218 - OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Background

The Division believes that educational opportunities should be available to all eligible students, and consequently supports the establishment of Outreach Programs within Wild Rose School Division to meet the needs of students with unique educational, social and psychological concerns.

These programs will be established to provide an alternate educational delivery system to students who are at risk of non-completion in the traditional educational settings and will provide this service using the following procedures.

Procedures

1. Students who are 19 years or younger, as of September 1st in the current school year, are eligible to enroll in the Outreach Program.
2. Students who are 19 years or older, as of September 1st in the current school year, can enroll in the Outreach school, subject to the payment of a tuition fee.
3. An Outreach Program will consist of programs and courses approved by the Alberta Education, as well as locally developed courses approved by the Board of Trustees for the Wild Rose School Division.
4. Outreach Program Schools will operate as stand alone schools under the Administration of the attending High school in the area and under the supervision of the Superintendent.
5. An Outreach School Handbook will be developed by the Administration of the attending High School and will set guidelines for student eligibility, performance expectations, attendance guidelines, and program monitoring.
6. Students will have access to a certified teacher during the instructional day, as well as opportunities to access services related to personal and career counseling, interpersonal skill development and behavioral concerns. Provision of these services should be made available through a cooperative relationship between the school and community resource agencies.
7. Outreach Programs in Wild Rose School Division are intended to meet the needs of students who exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:
 - ♦ Prefer to enroll in courses, which are provided through an outreach delivery model.
 - ♦ Have dropped out of school or are currently at risk of dropping out of school.

- ♦ Have health problems or extenuating family circumstances, which preclude regular school attendance.
- ♦ Are unable to meet regular school class times due to employment or personal commitments.
- ♦ Wish to enroll in a low-enrollment course that may not be offered in a regular school setting.
- ♦ Need only a small number of courses or credits to graduate.
- ♦ Wish to accelerate their high school program
- ♦ Are able to work independently

Reference: Section 8, 21, 60, School Act
Policy 1.1.4 – Outreach Programs