

COPE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Staff: Steve Schumacher, Dean of Student Management
Nelda Miesner, Secretary
Robert Davis, Teacher
Robin Aaron, Teacher

Program Description: An alternative program that offers educational services, behavior modification training, and an opportunity for students to participate in community service.

Eligible Students: are those in grade 6 through age 15. The reasons for referral **may** include:

- eligible for expulsion pursuant to violation of school district "zero tolerance" policies
- eligible for suspension and/or suspended per school district policies
- involved in misconduct that can be demonstrated as serious, repetitive and/or cumulative
- remanded to juvenile court or returning from juvenile detention for offenses which took place at school or at school activities

Length of Program: Minimum 18 weeks but may vary depending upon the individual student's progress and sending school's calendar/grading period.

Transportation: provided by the student's home school and/or parent or guardian.

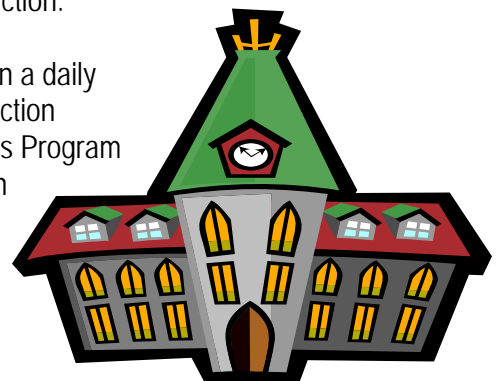
Meals: provided by the Tri-County School located next to COPE Safe School.

School Supplies: provided by COPE Safe School (such as paper, pencils, books, etc.)

Program Features:

The Curriculum includes the subject areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, health and physical education. Computers are available to the students and the low teacher-student ratio allows for individualized instruction.

Aggression Replacement Training (A.R.T.) is provided on a daily basis and is supplemented by a counselor from the Teen Action Program (TAP) who is a staff member of the Youth Services Program in Jackson County. This instruction and/or group discussion includes: the development of conflict resolution skills, anger control, empathy training and social and life skills training. A.R.T. is designed to help students become more responsible and accountable for their actions.



Community Service is an important part of the program. Students have the opportunity to participate in community service projects. Students achieve a sense of pride and higher self esteem by their involvement in these community projects.