

# WATSON CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

The Watson Chapel Alternative Environment (AE) serves as the district's non-traditional learning center. The program utilizes the recommended protocol for identifying at-risk students for dropping out of school, students with learning and/or emotional disabilities, and students engaging in risky behavior. The district's process for identification, placement, and progress monitoring is determined by a committee. The committee meets and decides if an AE setting is appropriate after receiving a recommendation from a parent, teacher, counselor, or principal.

The committee utilizes student grades, attendance, potential dropout criteria, parent conferences, individual student profile data, at-risk indicators of student behavior for adolescents, and state assessment results based on state mandated initiatives to reach the school's ultimate goal for its students. AE services grades 7-12 with a teacher/student ratio of 15:1. Many artifacts and progress documents are collected during the placement and are used to monitor progress.

The goal of the AE program is re-entry into the regular school setting, graduation program completion, or enrollment into another program outside the school setting. The transition will be closely monitored to check student grades and office discipline referrals to determine if the integration has been successful. When the determination is made that the student can function effectively in the regular classroom, the student will be transitioned back into the regular classroom setting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leydel Willis,  
AE Director