



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I identify potential Hope students?**

Hope students come to us somewhere on the continuum of use. Students who have experienced negative behaviors or consequences because of drug use are on one end of the spectrum. This could be as simple as discipline referrals, poor grades, attendance, or negative interactions with law enforcement. On the other end of the continuum is a student who may be considered addicted to drugs, has had, or needs treatment.

### **What are the drugs of choice for students at Hope?**

100 % of students are using or have used some form of marijuana or THC. Many students have also had experience with alcohol and/or pills of some kind including benzos, particularly XANAX, Benadryl, or Triple Cs (Coricidin, Cold, Cough medicine). A few of our students may have also experimented or use LSD, Meth, or Opiates.

### **When should I refer a student to Hope Academy?**

If you see any of the following:

- Student academics are suffering due to substance use.
- Student is facing suspensions or expulsion due to their substance use.
- Student and/or family has indicated a desire or need to address their substance use.
- Students who are involved with DCS or probation and has a related substance use issue.
- School staff member has identified that a student has a substance use issue.

### **Does the student need to have previous treatment or counseling to attend Hope Academy?**

No, we will provide recovery education for the student and make referrals for treatment or counseling as needed.

### **Does the student have to admit or accept that they have a substance use issue?**

No, we meet students where they are and help them through the process of recovery.

### **How do I refer a student to Hope Academy?**

Just give us a call! We can be reached at 317 572-9440. You can make the call with the parent or have them call us. We will set an appointment for an interview so that they can tour the school and we can learn more about the student and his/her needs. We also are available for you to come and visit us at our new location if you would like to see the school and learn more.

**What if our student needs special education services?**

We have a special education teacher and a compliance monitor that help ensure student's needs are met.

**Does Hope Academy offer the same services as other high school?**

Yes. We are a Public Charter school sponsored by the Mayor's Office. All our students graduate with Core 40 or Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma. We help students with credit recovery and graduating on time. Hope provides free and reduced lunch and textbooks. Students will take ASVAB, PSAT, and all state testing requirements. We also offer summer school in the month of June to help students make up credits or work ahead.

**What if our student needs transportation?**

We are located on Indy's south side across the street from the University of Indianapolis. Students can use the Red Line to get to the school. Additionally, we have buses that make stops around the city. We will work with students and families to meet their transportation needs.

**What are "recovery supports"?**

We have a recovery coach that is a young person in recovery as well as peer specialists that work with all students to help them be successful in their recovery. Students participate in a recovery and wellness class to help them build skills for success both in their recovery and life. Additionally, we have an afterschool program, Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) that provides after school and summer programming to assist student and support sober fun!

**What does it cost to attend Hope Academy?**

We are a public high school. Students pay \$100 as a resource fee and \$25 for textbooks per semester. The only additional cost is for student drug screening which is never more than \$40 per month. Students may apply for free and reduced textbooks at our school. Additionally, costs may be reduced by any grant funding we secure.

If you have additional questions about Hope Academy, or would like to visit and tour our school, please feel free to contact us by phone 317 572-9440 or email [dleser@hopeacademyrhs.org](mailto:dleser@hopeacademyrhs.org) or [rgardner@hopeacademyrhs.org](mailto:rgardner@hopeacademyrhs.org)