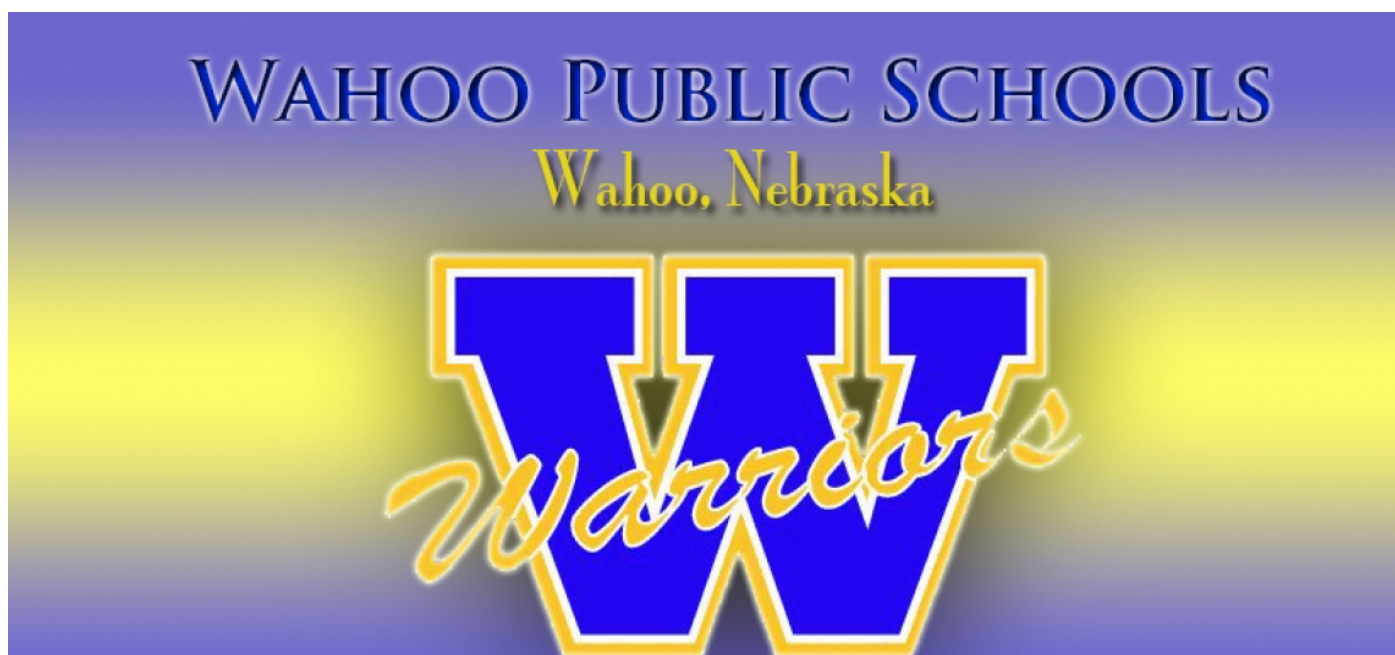


WAHOO HIGH ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL



PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE

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MISSION

"Inspiring Our Students to Thrive"

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Wahoo Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination.

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RATIONALE

The Wahoo High School Alternative School program has been established to provide options for students who are not benefitting from a traditional school structure and come into conflict with school rules, procedures and/or policies, have fallen considerably behind in school assignments, have multiple unexcused absences/tardies or needs to be removed from regular classroom settings. The concern is for the student and others as well.

OBJECTIVES

This educational setting will focus on providing students with opportunities for positive choice making, decision-making and behavioral change. This setting is also designed to allow students to explore career opportunities as they work to complete their high school education. Finally, this setting is in place to help students reach their educational goals and graduate with a diploma from Wahoo High School.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum in the Alternative School will be online. Odysseyware® software is designed as a complete, stand-alone curriculum, for initial credit or to augment course offerings or can be used in alternative school settings dedicated to special education or credit recovery. A certified teacher will monitor all work, assess student progress as well as guide and review all coursework. Odysseyware® software is structured so that students can work at their own pace. Assignments can be completed outside of the school setting; all online quizzes and tests must be taken at school.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Students will increase proficiency in basic skill development.
2. Students will follow all rules and procedures outlined in the Wahoo High School student handbook. This handbook can be found on the school's website. (www.wahooschools.org)
3. Students will complete assignments to the best of their ability.
4. Students will communicate positively with the instructor and classmates.
5. Students will treat all staff and students in the Alternative School with respect.
6. Students will work independently.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Students attending the Alternative School will be responsible for meeting the same graduation requirements as students attending Wahoo High School. Specific requirements are listed below. Students completing graduation requirements may participate in Wahoo High School graduation activities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

This chart includes coursework required to meet basic WHS graduation requirements. Graduation requirements are two-fold: a minimum of 250 credits and all required classes.

ENGLISH	4.5 years (9 semesters) Speech (1 semester) English 9: S1 & S2 English 10: S1 & S2 English 11: S1 & S2 English 12-I & English 12-II	45 credits
MATH	3 years (6 semesters) Algebra 1: S1 & S2 Geometry: S1 & S2 Algebra 2: S1 & S2	30 credits
SCIENCE	3 years (6 semesters) General Science: S1 & S2 Biology: S1 & S2 Chemistry: S1 & S2	30 credits
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.5 years (7 semesters) World Geography (S1 & S2) World History (S1 & S2) U.S. History (S1 & S2) American Government (1 semester)	35 credits
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 year (2 semesters)	10 credits
FINE ARTS	1 year (2 semesters)	10 credits
BUSINESS	1 year (2 semesters) Personal Finance (1 semester) Business Economics (1 semester)	10 credits
CTE (Career/Tech Ed.)	1&1/2 years (3 semesters) Courses in Business, FCS &/or Skills & Technical Sciences	15 credits
LIFE SKILLS	1/2 year (1 semester)	5 credits
ELECTIVES	(12 semesters)	60 credits

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Citizenship Credit: Students are eligible to receive five (5) elective credits per semester for positive citizenship. To receive this credit, students cannot have any unexcused absences or more than two tardies. Students must also display positive behavior inside and outside of the classroom.

Community Service Credit: Students are eligible to receive five (5) elective credits per semester for community service. To receive this credit, students must complete ninety (90) hours of approved community service and submit agreed-upon documentation to the Alternative School teacher verifying the community service.

Work Experience Credit: Students are eligible to receive five (5) elective credits per semester for hours worked at a place of employment outside of school hours. To receive this credit, students must work 180 hours and submit, to the Alternative School teacher, pay stubs to verify hours worked. A maximum of fifteen (15) work experience credits can be earned each semester.

ATTENDANCE

Tardies and attendance rules, as outlined in the Wahoo High School student handbook (www.wahooschools.org), will be in force in the Alternative School. Exceeding the allowed number of tardies or absences may lead to Wahoo High School's Attendance Committee to suspend or revoke credits. Students will begin their day in the Alternative School at 8:00 AM and remain until 11:48 AM. On a day when Wahoo High School follows an early dismissal schedule, students in the Alternative School will be dismissed at 10:28AM. If a student is not able to attend due to sickness, a scheduled appointment or any other reason, a parent or guardian must call the Wahoo High School office (402-443-4332). Parents of students who are absent will be called if the office is not notified. If parent/guardian contact is not achieved by 9:00 a.m., the student will be recorded as truant for the remainder of the day or until the office is notified. In addition, parents are asked to provide written documentation should their child miss for a medical or dental appointment.

SCHOOL CLOSING

Students attending the Alternative School will attend each day that Wahoo High School is in attendance. School closings will be posted on the school's website and Facebook and Twitter pages.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Students attending the Alternative School will not be assigned a locker. Therefore, students will be responsible for their own personal possessions while at school. Wahoo Public Schools cannot be responsible for the safekeeping of those personal possessions, including cellphones. The Alternative School will provide a laptop computer for students to complete their Odysseyware® coursework. Students should not bring their own personal tablets or laptops unless the Alternative School teacher has approved the devices in advance.

LUNCH AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students attending the Alternative School are not allowed to eat lunch in the school cafeteria. They are expected to leave the Wahoo High School campus after they are dismissed. In addition, students attending the Alternative School are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or events at Wahoo High School.

MEDICATION

Student medication will be dispensed from the office as stated on the physician's prescription and done so by the school nurse or a designee. Medication must be in its original container and have the prescribed dosage included. A Medical Action Plan must be on file in the school's nurse's office prior to a medicine being dispensed; the plan form can be picked up at the school office or requested from the school nurse. Any student distributing medication or supplements may be subject to disciplinary action.

CREDIT RECOVERY

Wahoo High School students may be assigned to the Alternative School for one or more periods for the purpose of credit recovery. Those students will continue to abide by the rules and procedures outlined in the Wahoo High School student handbook (www.wahooschools.org) while in the Alternative School. The students recovering credit will also be expected to abide by any additional rules and procedures set forth by the Alternative School teacher.

TRANSFERRING INTO WAHOO HIGH SCHOOL

A student attending the Alternative School may be eligible to return to Wahoo High School if the following is completed:

1. Students must complete a minimum of one full semester in the Alternative School.
2. Students must have demonstrated success in the assigned Odysseyware® curriculum.
3. Students must have a positive attendance record.
4. Students must have a positive behavior record.
5. The student, parent/guardian, Wahoo High School staff and administration must all agree to the placement. *NOTE: Once a student chooses to leave the Alternative School program, he/she may not return without administrative review.*

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