

Sartell High School
SOAR (Sartell Opportunity for Alternative Resource)

Contact Person: Barb Whitson

Number of Learners Served: 50

Night School – 14 sessions per quarter

Summer School – 6 weeks (June-July)

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide an alternative educational program for students that are nontraditional learners. To develop within the students a sense of belonging, respect and partnership. The Restitution Model will provide opportunities for students to take responsibility, choose effective behaviors, and create positive solutions. Students individual learning style will drive their educational program.

Entrance Criteria:

- Credit Trouble
- Demonstration of attendance and tardy difficulties
- Exhibiting behavior problems that is causing an interruption in their learning
- Special Circumstances that require a nontraditional placement

Referral/Enrollment Process:

- SAT - Student Assistant Team review of student
- Student Interview with counselor
- Parent/Student Application form
- Approval by Team

Description of Academic Program:

The program is designed to help students meet their graduation requirements and will be integrated with a variety of community experiences and school to work involvement.

Basic Skills Prep Classes will be scheduled to assist students in developing skills necessary to pass Basic Skills Test.

Special "Focus Sessions" will be required to meet students' social and academic needs. These sessions will include, but not limited to art, hobbies, sports, camping, interpersonal skills, relationship skills, chemical issues, etc.

School to Work Component:

- Career Workshops
- Internships/Apprenticeship
- Work Experience
- Guest Speakers

- Skills Seminars
- Minnesota Career Guide
- Tech Prep Career Direction - Career Training Concepts, INC.

Description of Personal Support:

- Teenage AA
- Anti-Violence Groups
- Teenage Pregnancy
Self-Esteem Groups

Cooperation With Other Agencies:

- Boy Scouts - Explorer Programs
- Central MN Independent Living
- Sexual Assault Center
- Probation Officers
- Law Enforcement

Program Schedule:

Night School: Tuesday & Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm
Saturday (as needed)
Summer School: Monday – Thursday (June – June)

Parent Involvement:

Parents need to be involved in the decision of program enrollment and the development of the personalized learning plan. Parents are encouraged to share their expertise during focus sessions. Parent/Student/Teacher meetings can be valuable to the students success. Parent will be provided with opportunities to be involved in student panels and focus sessions concerning adolescent issues.

Exit Criteria:

- Student meets credit criteria for graduation
- Student demonstrates ability to be an independent learner
- Student meets graduation standards and profile of learning
- Student shows respect for self and others