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A C.O.O.L. School: Caring Outlook On Learning

Gladwin Alternative Education is a high school in an alternate setting, designed for those students who, for various reasons, do not do well at a traditional high school. It includes students who:

1. Need more one-on-one instruction
2. Have difficulty learning in a large classroom
3. Need to recover credit
4. Need a fresh start

SMALLER CLASS SIZES

Gladwin Alternative Education has a total of 38 students during a semester. Every semester openings occur, but it is determinate upon how many students have returned. Students have between 11-17 other students in their classes. Due to the smaller class sizes, the teachers have the time and ability to focus on each student individually. In addition, the teachers have the added time to discuss student issues with parents on a more frequent basis. A required Parent-Teacher-Student Conference for all new students occurs within the first month of each semester.

CREDIT RECOVERY

Due to the 4x4 block schedule (four 90 minute classes each marking period), students can earn up to 8 credits at Gladwin Alternative Education, rather than the 6.25 at Gladwin High School. Students who are behind in credits may earn their credits back and graduate on time, if they apply early enough in their high school career. Students are also eligible to participate in the after school credit recovery program, S.P.A.R.K.S., at Gladwin High School.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

Our teaching staff is highly qualified in the core subject areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts. Students receive a high quality education that is aligned with the state's standards and benchmarks. Our graduating students receive a high school diploma from Gladwin Community Schools and participate in the Gladwin High School graduation ceremony.

IN THE COMMUNITY

As part of our requirements to attend, our students participate in the community. Students are taught that the community supports our program, and a simple way of saying "thank you" is by

giving back. Throughout the school year, the COOL School students and staff do a variety of things in the community. In the fall, there is leaf raking for the elderly. In the spring, the annual Easter Eggstravaganza is held for the Gladwin Elementary and Intermediate students. There are also a number of fundraisers the students have in order to have funds for school supplies, field trips, and other things needed throughout the year.

ALL STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN 50% OF ALL FUNDRAISERS AND ACTIVITIES.

RULES AND POLICIES

Gladwin Alternative Education falls under the umbrella of Gladwin High School. The same handbook as Gladwin High School is followed. That includes all rules and school policies. In addition, the Gladwin High School administration is the same as the COOL School.

TRANSPORTATION

COOL School students ride their regular bus to school and transfer to another school bus at the Junior High which brings them directly to the school. At the end of the day, a school bus takes them back into town where students ride their regular bus back home. For students that drive, the school is a closed campus. Once the student arrives, they are not allowed to leave until the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to leave to get lunch.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If interested, an application must be obtained from the Gladwin High School office. Once a student has applied, an interview will be scheduled where both the student and his/her parents must attend