

OFFICE OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT & DROPOUT PREVENTION

Alternative Education Programs

The Alternative Education Program for school districts provides a vital support to students who are struggling and in need of extra supports to assist them in reaching academic success. Annually, the MDE requests that each district complete a Needs Assessment for the district's Alternative Education Program. Please utilize the following link to complete your district's Needs Assessment.

[Needs Assessment Link](#) – Due June 15, 2024

The MDE is publishing the High School Equivalency (HSE) application for school districts wishing to house the program for school year 2024-2025. Every school district must declare their intention as to whether there will be an HSE program in their district. Please follow the links below.

Link for Districts who will not house an HSE Program

[Appendix A Form.pdf](#) – Due June 15, 2024

Link for Districts interested in housing an HSE Program

[HSEP Intent & Application Packet 2024.2024.docx](#) – Due June 15, 2024

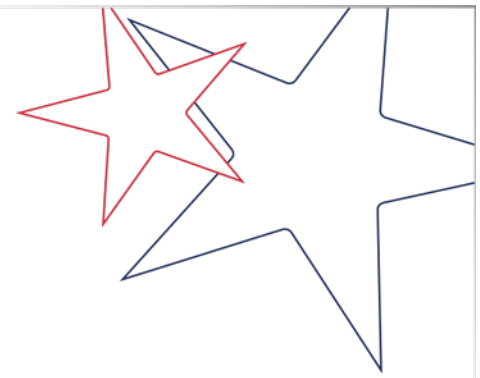
Please email all completed paperwork to alterdhsepms@mdek12.org

Foster Care Points of Contact

Foster Care Points of Contact (POC) are assigned by the Superintendent as their designee for enrolling foster care students in the school district. A link is provided below for the Superintendent's submission of the Primary and Secondary POCs.

[Superintendent's Submission for Foster Care POCs](#) - Due June 15, 2024

School District's POC will need to submit copies of Foster Care policy and transportation plans to twilliams@mdek12.org by June 28, 2024.



Conferences, Workshops, & Trainings

Upcoming Events

The Office of Compulsory School Attendance and Dropout Prevention will host a summer conference “Finding the Road to Success!”. This conference is geared toward all educational staff that work with students that may be considered “at-risk”. Attendees will attend several concurrent sessions that will equip them with skills, resources, strategies, and information they need to work with students. Districts are encouraged to bring a team to the conference.

[MDE | Mississippi RESAs \(msresaservices.com\)](https://msresaservices.com)

National Alternative Education Conference October 7-9, 2024

Westin LA Paloma Resort & Spa Tucson, Arizona

[Alt Ed National Conference 2024](#)

Previous Training

A webinar was held which outlined the roles and responsibilities for the district POC for Foster Care.

[Foster Care Webinar Roles & Responsibilities Update 05.14.2024](#)

Please contact Terissa Williams with any questions or concerns at twilliams@mdek12.org.