


# **Lieser Campus**

## **Alternative Education Programs**



**Introduction and Overview**  
2016-2017

# What is an Alternative Learning Experience (ALE)?

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- Specific rules and laws apply. The State Legislature determines the rules.
- Going to school in a flexible, non-traditional manner to serve a diverse student population.
- Alternative Learning Experiences have specific **weekly contact** and **monthly progress monitoring** requirements that ensure that the **written student learning plan (WSLP)** is meeting the student's learning needs.

# Types of ALE Courses Offered

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- On-line: computer based learning in which more than half the content is online and more than half the instruction is delivered remotely
- Remote: a course that is not a computer based delivery, and the student has less than 20% instructional contact time
- Site-based: a course that is not online, and the student has at least 20% instructional contact time

# Benefits of Alternative Education

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- Access to Certified teachers and consultants
- Access to curriculum, educational resources and extra-curricular activities
- Student learning plans based upon Washington State standards
- Flexible schedule
- Participation in a community of learners

# Attendance Requirements

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Do truancy laws apply to ALE students? YES!

- Home Connection students need to be in their scheduled classes to receive site-based instruction. Attendance is the foundation of student learning.
- Virtual Learning Students must meet the weekly contact requirements with their teachers.
- No contact or attendance equals truancy.
- Contact the school when unable to attend for one of the reasons defined in WAC 392-400-325
- Communication of a valid excuse to the attendance office does not count for weekly contact. Contact must be made with a certified teacher for the purposes of instruction, review of assignments, testing, reporting of student progress or other learning activities.

# Home Connection

## Parent Partnership Program

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- Primarily site-based courses
- Attendance at specific days/times of classroom time.
- Teacher directs learning at home of on-site core curriculum classes.
- Partnership that is shared between school, parent, and most important, the student.
- Parents are responsible to facilitate at home teaching or support of VHC classes.

# Home Connection Structure

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- Kindergarten: 20 hours
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 20 hours
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 25 hours
  
- Parent Partnership is not home schooling.
- All core classes must be attended
- Parents may choose to have their child participate part time and not be accountable to the time requirements.
- If you want to home school you do not need to be enrolled at VHC.
- Enrichment courses are available for home school students.

# Home Connection Kindergarten Program

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- Three days per week
- Monday / Wednesday / Friday
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Teacher directed at home learning activities
- Total onsite hours: 9
- Parent responsible for 11 hours at home



# Home Connection Grade 1 – 6 Onsite Instructional/Classroom Program

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- Monday / Wednesday
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Math / Literacy / Social Studies / Science
- Teacher directed at home learning
- Onsite enrichment classes on Friday
- Onsite hour limit: 12

# Home Connection Grade 7 - 8 Onsite Instructional/Classroom Program

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- Tuesday / Thursday
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Math / Literacy / Social Studies / Science
- Teacher directed at home learning
- Onsite enrichment classes on Friday
- Onsite hour limit: 14

# Home Connection

## High School Program

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- Tuesday / Thursday/ Friday
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m
- 24 credits as required by Vancouver Public Schools
- Running Start and Skills Center is available for in district students on a limited basis.
- Hybrid program (onsite / online / contracted)
- State testing for graduation
- Sports, clubs, etc. available at neighborhood high schools
- Onsite hour limit: 15

# Home Connection Program Requirements

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- Attendance at scheduled classes
- Attendance at monthly group or individual consultations
- Satisfactory progress in all classes
- If satisfactory progress is not made a written **Intervention Plan** must be completed at an individually scheduled consultation.
- If satisfactory progress is not made for three months, the student will be withdrawn.
- Volunteering
- **Documentation of learning delivered at home each month.**
- Participation in all State and District assessments
- Complete enrollment verification form and out of district transfer if needed.

# Virtual Learning Academy

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- Grades 6-12 (student up to age 21 welcome)
- Predominantly on-line course through Acellus or FUEL
- Some remote course options available
- **Mandatory lab sessions scheduled with certified teacher/consultant once per week**
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# Vancouver Virtual Learning High School Program

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- 24 credits as required by Vancouver Public Schools
- Skills Center is available for in district students on a limited basis.
- Hybrid program (online / contracted)
- State testing for graduation
- Sports, clubs, etc. available at neighborhood high schools
- Credit Recovery options available

# Other Considerations

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- IEP (Special Education) \*\*Records Release
  - All IEPs must be reviewed to assure that a program can be created
  - Once IEP is reviewed you will be contacted individually regarding placement
  - Students with IEP are required to be onsite for additional days and times. (2.5 to 7.5 additional hours per week)
- 504 Plan
  - All 504 plans will be reviewed and revised as needed to address student needs within an alternative setting
- ELL (English Language Learners)
- Health Plans

# Assessment

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- Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) 3 times a year
- i-Ready diagnostic and interim assessment 3 times a year
- State required summative assessment-yearly
- PSAT and SAT for college bound high school students



# Resources

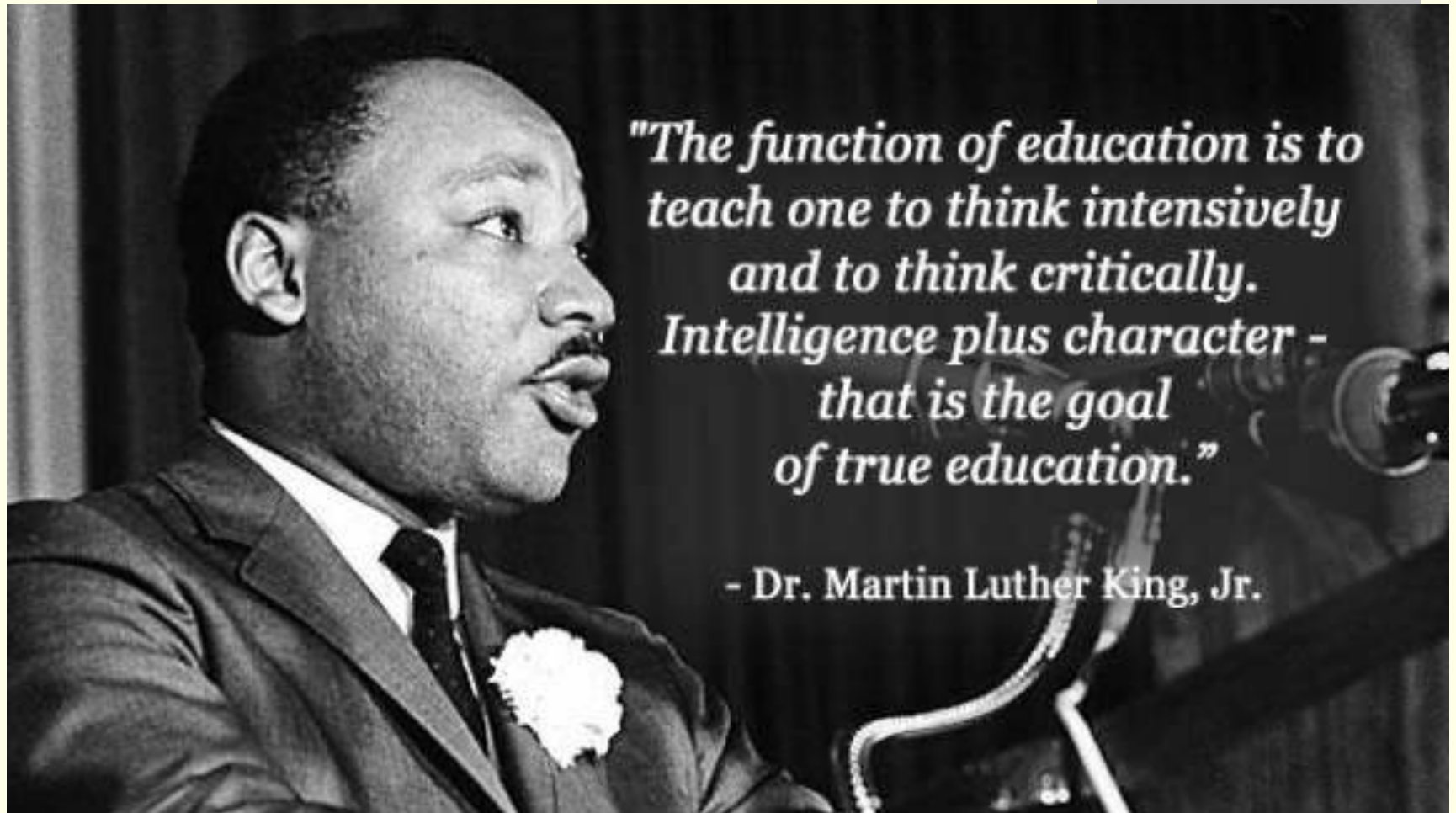
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- Literacy Coach
- Math Coach
- School Counselors
- School Nurse
- School Lunches available
- Family Resource Center
- Career Center
- 1:1 technology for VHC grades 5-12

# Commonly Asked Questions

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- How many students do you have?
- When does the school day start? And, end?
- Do you have bus service?
- Do you have a lunch program? Apply for Free/Reduced or put money on your students' lunch account
- Do you have recess?
- What if my student is not making satisfactory progress?
- Do you have "help" classes?
- Is the school safe?
- When can my student start?



*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# Next Steps

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- If you have questions or need more information, join us for one of our on-site or on-line information sessions (schedule on the webpage)
- If you are ready to enroll, complete the Enrollment Request form on the webpage. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment.