

Alternative Schooling

What is in place?

- PLC---limited to students who qualify
- Pathways—limited to students who are suspended
- Lake Forest—must have a mental health diagnosis—K-8
- Early College High Schools-
- NovaNet in all high schools
- Magnet schools
- Pender Co. ----homebound for students who would be suspended for the year
- Twilight Monday-Thursday 4:30-7:30 Place by Supt. Or SST
- Duplin Co. Renaissance Center—students placed by committee. School applies for students to go and the Committee determines who is enrolled. Committee can give directions to school to do more to meet the needs of the student or enroll student. (needs to be revamped because students do not get the same academic rigor as the other schools—hours: 9-2 because of transportation. Students are evaluated every 60 days but can stay for year. Not all of the same courses—gap in transition from alternative school to school —students re-entering school in the middle of the semester.

What is needed?

- Alternative School of Choice
- School within a School---students who come from middle school but are not ready—socially or academically , i.e. —failed grade 8 or 9, and or had discipline referrals . Program includes academic support as well as programs designed to help develop social and study skills. Might include reduced credit requirements for that year
- Designated Alternative School- students assigned based on discipline issues.
- Charter /Magnet School for High School-focused relative to student career interests, i.e. medicine, technology, engineering, art....to meet the needs of students who feel disengaged and need relevance in their education.
- Summer School/Credit Recovery—at every school and available in summer school Also, implement uniform standards and requirements for each school.
- School Without Walls/Store Front/Flexible Schedule—module education designed by teachers for students who need flexible schedule—teen mothers, students who work. Online work, combined with school attendance. Alternative places of school. School combined with coop experience—including course work and coop. Options for kids for hours anywhere from 7 am to 7 pm and include different days, and semester time limits or seat time requirements.
- Virtual Schooling—virtual public schools.
- Transportation
- Funding