

Dothan City Schools
Accelerated Recovery Center
An Alternative School of Choice

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Dothan City Schools is committed to ensuring students receive educational opportunities to successfully earn academic credit for graduation. The Accelerated Recovery Center (ARC) is offered as an alternative pathway for students who meet specific criteria for enrollment and are dedicated to earning a high school diploma.

Goals of the ARC Program:

- Support students in remaining in school and successfully completing requirements for graduation
- Encourage regular attendance and punctuality
- Prepare students in college and career readiness future educational opportunities
- Provide general education and response to instruction/intervention as needed
- Provide academic counseling and behavioral counseling i.e. conflict resolution
- Provide social skills development and career counseling support

ARC is a nontraditional school program that serves secondary (middle/high school) students who meet any of the following criteria:

- Middle school or high school level student over-aged (16+ years) ;
- Behind in academic credits required for graduation based upon grade level or cohort I pacing requirements;
- Ability to work independently; and
- Demonstrate a commitment to academic success and a desire to earn a high school diploma.

Students at the ARC will receive academic instruction and assessments in Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies, and other courses required for graduation. Academic instruction will be individualized, and self-paced utilizing a computer based learning management system with direct teacher support.

Students are required to participate in all local and state level assessments at the program site. Test preparation opportunities will be provided.

Students will participate in career preparatory opportunities.

Enrollment Procedures- Steps

1. Students will meet with their base school counselor to discuss options for academic success and graduation.
2. Student and parent/guardian will complete an application for enrollment into the ARC Program.
3. Student and parent/guardian will participate collaboratively with ARC Program personnel in an intake conference to discuss program expectations, policies and procedures and the student's potential for program success.
4. Upon enrollment, a plan of services will be developed and a contract signed. 5. Each contract will detail required attendance, behavior and conditions of continued enrollment. The contract will be signed by all stakeholders and must be adhered to at all times for the student to remain enrolled in the ARC program.
6. Students **WILL** be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities and/or senior activities at their base school while attending ARC with the following stipulations: i. Successful completion of all assignments AND requirements/expectations while attending ARC ;
ii. meet all eligibility requirements and expectations for extracurricular activities i.e. athletics, senior activities, etc.; and
iii. Written approval signed by ARC personnel AND the student's base school principal.
7. Per the Student Progression Guide for early/midyear graduation:

Students who plan to accelerate their programs of studies for the purpose of early graduation may do so if space is available in classes after grade-level students have completed registration.

Students who complete graduation requirements early will not be permitted to remain at school during the regular school day since they will not be enrolled in classes. If a student needs to attend a school activity, the principal's permission is required.

A student must be a full-time student to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities; therefore, a student who graduates early will not be eligible for extracurricular activities.

Students who complete graduation requirements early will receive their diplomas at the regularly scheduled graduation ceremony.

8. Students assigned to ARC will be subject to the Code of Conduct for Dothan City Schools.
9. Students will remain on roll at home base school and attendance will be reported daily to home base schools. The student will have 2 days to bring in an excuse for their absence. Attendance is reported to the student's Base School everyday.
10. Students may be assigned to ARC by Tribunal or DCS Board of Education decision.

Application Requirements and Review

Recommendation from the middle or high school principal/designee or tribunal recommendation is required before an applicant will be considered for Accelerated Recovery Center (ARC).

Accelerated Recovery Center is recognized by the Dothan City Schools as an "alternative school of choice" and is designed to accommodate students that are deficient in academic credits required for graduation based upon grade level or cohort pacing requirements.

Students must be capable of success in an accelerated, self-paced, computerized, independent learning environment.

A completed application is required. Applications can be obtained from the guidance department of either the middle school or high school respectively and should be returned to the students' base school guidance office.

All completed applications, upon approval by the base school's principal/designee should be forwarded to the ARC Program for review ..

Incomplete Applications will **be returned** to the base school guidance office. Submitting an application does NOT automatically ensure acceptance into the program.

Staff Members

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Principal / Designee Recommendation Form

Student Name _____

Student School ID # _____ Current Grade Level _____

Cohort Year _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone number _____

Student/Parent Email address _____

Does the student require any special services? _____ If yes, a meeting will need to be scheduled before going forward with application. This section will not allow me to correct the alignment.

Current number of credits needed for graduation: _____

Current number of credits earned _____

Name of Base School: _____

Please state your reason(s) for recommending this student:

Principal/Designee Signature: _____ Date _____

**Dothan City Schools Accelerated
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Student Eligibility Form**

Directions: This form should be completed with the collaboration of the
base school principal/designee and the student and parent.

Student Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Age: _____ Anticipated
Graduation Year: _____

This section is very important in getting to know your needs and to
determine priority of acceptance. Please circle "YES" or "NO" to the
following questions and explain any "YES" answers.

	Please circle your answer choice for each question.
Have you ever had a truancy petition filed on you?	YES NO
Have you ever attempted to withdraw/drop out of school?	YES NO
Have you had discipline issues at school?	YES NO

Please explain any "YES" answers circled above:

Please tell us about your previous experiences in middle/high school that have led you to apply to the ARC.

We want you to be successful at ARC. Please list changes and commitments you are willing to make to **achieve success?**

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Parent Commitment for Student Enrollment

Our signatures on this agreement indicate that we understand:

Admissions Eligibility Criteria:

- At least 16 years of age
- 1-2 years over-age for grade
- Unique circumstances that would prevent the student from graduating on time with their cohort class (the class group a student enters high school).

To be successful at ARC, parents and students should be aware that •

The coursework and textbooks are all computerized and differ from those used in a traditional high school setting.

- The curriculum is designed to be self-paced so students can achieve success to ensure meeting graduation requirements.
- Academic Credits are not given but earned.
- Academic Credit is awarded as soon as a course is completed.
- Completed credits can transfer but incomplete course grades do not transfer to their campuses.
- Our expectation is that each student, within the school year, will remediate to grade level/cohort with satisfactory progress toward academic goals.

Teacher and Instructional aide staff members are instructional resources available for immediate support. The maximum student/teacher ratio is 20/1 with the support of 2 Instructional Aides in the classroom to ensure that students receive more individualized instruction..

- Students must attend and be on time every day.
- Students must work diligently while at school.
- Students must follow the DCS Student Code of Conduct.
- Students must follow the DCS Dress Code i.e must be appropriately and modestly dressed.

Student Responsibilities

- Self-motivation and good work habits are essential.
- Students take ownership of his/her own education and ultimately control when he/she will graduate.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO THIS CAMPUS

Transportation will be provided by parent/guardian.

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CELL PHONES. Cell Phones are NOT PERMITTED at the ARC. If you have to bring one in the building, there is a space provided and appropriately labeled with the students name to secure the phone during class. Phones will be returned to the student as they are leaving the building. Dothan City Schools Cell Phone Policy will be followed.

ASSURANCES

Dothan City Schools Code of Student Conduct Initials: _____

Student signature below indicates that I have read and will abide by the district's expectations for Student Behavior i.e. DCS Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy for computers, electronic mail, and Internet use. Parent/Guardian's signature provides permission for student participation in prevention program surveys during the year.

Medical Release Authorization Initials: _____

I hereby authorize the person(s) listed on the DCS Health Form as Emergency Contact and the doctor listed on this form to be notified at the school's discretion, and do authorize the named doctor to render such treatment as may be deemed necessary in an emergency for the health of said child and assume the responsibility for payment of any professional emergency service required.

Our signatures on the agreement indicate that we understand that enrollment in the Accelerated Recovery Center requires daily attendance for four hours per day. We further understand and agree that we have read and have been explained the Policies and Procedures for the ARC and have been given a copy of the Policies and Procedures to take home by a member of the ARC Staff. If the student does not meet the minimum attendance requirements he/she will be **referred** for truancy or potentially lose their place in the program.

- We further understand the student will **work toward** their high school graduation requirements at the Accelerated Recovery Center.
- Transition options can take place only at the beginning of each semester based on individual student needs.
- Students must adhere to the Dothan City School Student Code of Conduct.

I consent and have given authorization for all the areas detailed above on behalf of my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____