

# **Overview of the EDCO Youth Alternative Program**

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# Introduction

- School has 30 year history as school-to-career program.
- Process begun today for you and for EDCO.
- Good fit for students.
- Successful next step.

# Goals

- BPS Diploma
- Productive step beyond diploma
  - ◆ Employment
  - ◆ Advanced Training
  - ◆ Post-Secondary Education

# Student complaints

- Lack of safety.
- Lack of attention.
- Lack of respect.

# Program Outline

Classes: Period 1-6 (8:25 to 1:30).  
Courses (non-stratified) to meet BPS  
graduation requirements including World  
Languages as American Sign Language.

Schedule includes tutoring, MCAS  
preparation and remediation.

# Rules you need to consider carefully

- No fighting or intimidation [conflict resolution].
- Respond to staff requests or directives.
- Suspicion of drug use equals drug warning.
- Cell phone policy

# You supply

- “Get something” attitude rather than a “get by” attitude.
- Willingness to work hard.
- Commitment to EDCO’s rules and expectations.

# EDCO supplies

- Knowledgeable and committed staff.
- Small classes (15:1)
- Wediko counseling
- Academic counseling
- Genuine Voices music & mentoring
- TERI post-secondary counseling
- PIC job/career counseling

# Wediko Counseling

- Conflict resolution between students; also, between students and staff.
- Problem/crisis management. Assistance with obstacles/crises that students face.
- Outside of school obstacles: personal, family, neighborhood/societal.

# EYA believes that

- THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT.
- YOU CAN DO THIS.
- WE WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU.