

EDISON ACADEMY

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
BETTENDORF · NORTH SCOTT · PLEASANT VALLEY

Edison Academy is an alternative high school consortium for Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and North Scott high school students.

The goal of Edison Academy is to provide a quality learning alternative by assisting students in earning a high school diploma. Our students earn their home high school diploma upon completing the program. We strive to increase student employability and enhance life skills in a positive climate that promotes success in the present and beyond high school.

ENROLLING AT EDISON ACADEMY

Students interested in attending Edison Academy must go through their home school's guidance counseling office or principal's. Once contacted, it is the student's responsibility to come to Edison Academy to register. If the student does not come in to register within 24 hours of notification of admittance, the student's spot will become available to the next individual on the waiting list, if applicable.



State Representative Steve Olson with Edison Academy student Kayla Busselot

Kayla Busselot and nine other students represented Edison Academy on Alternative Education Day at the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

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Thomas Edison Education Center - 438 16th St, Bettendorf, IA 52722 563/359-9375 Fax: 563/359-5565
Building Hours: 7:30 am -3:30 pm.
Pauline VenHorst, Administrator

INTERVIEW WITH PARENTS

Any student who is interested in Edison Academy must first speak with his/her high school counselor. Registration is required at the student's home high school prior to beginning at Edison Academy. Contact the Guidance Department for enrollment materials and information as well as a contract for the student/parent to consider and sign. Once the student is accepted into the program through administrative approval, the student's parents/guardian will be contacted for a meeting with the Edison Academy teacher from his/her home school. It is strongly recommended a parent should attend this initial meeting with the student. At the meeting, the Edison Academy teacher will give an overview of the program and forms to complete. These forms must be returned within 1 week of start date.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

On the day a student is absent from school, Parents/guardians must telephone Edison Academy (359-9375) before 8:30am. Calls before 7:30am and after 3:30pm will be recorded on voicemail. Parents will be notified by the school when students miss one or more classes during the day. This contact will be made if the school is not notified by a parent call. The purpose of this contact is to notify parents of an unverified absence.

- If the office is not notified the same day of the absence or by 8:00am the following day, that absence is considered unexcused.
- Students may be required to provide written verification from doctor or dentist indicating the reason for an absence.
- Written notes excusing absences from parent/guardians will not be accepted unless special arrangements are made with the student's advisors.

If a student has three unexcused absences in a class a letter will be sent home for notification and also the student would be required to petition. To Petition, a student would need to state the reason for these absences and how they are going to prevent this occurrence from happening again. A student is only allowed to petition once per quarter.

After 5 absences in one class, the student is dropped from that class and is required to attend a scheduled time on Friday's to do the class separately. A student is only allowed to complete one class on Fridays. If a student has more than three unexcused absences in another class and has petitioned, they may be dropped from the program.

5TH COMPONENT RULES, REGULATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

All students are required, as part of the Edison Academy Program, to participate in a 5th component. Students must participate in a 5th component off-campus (work or college course) or on-campus (social or academic skill building). During registration, students will have to verify any off-campus arrangement. If off-campus options cease, students will move into the on-campus component immediately. It is the students responsibility to notify his/her advisor should the off campus component cease. Lack of participation in 5th component may result in dismissal from Edison Academy.

GRADUATION

An Edison Academy graduate will receive a high school diploma from his/her respective home high school (PV, NS, Bettendorf) upon completion of the program.



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