



High Schools

Beaumont Tech High School	314-533-2410
Carnahan High School	314-457-0582
CAJT @ Nottingham	314-481-4095
Central VPA High School	314-771-2772
Cleveland ROTC High School	314-776-1301
College Prep High School (Madison)	314-345-5651
Collegiate School of Med & Bioscience	314-696-2290
Clyde Miller Career Academy	314-371-0394
Gateway STEM Academy	314-776-3300
McKinley CJA High School	314-773-0027
Metro High School	314-534-3894
Northwest High School	314-385-4774
Roosevelt High School	314-776-6040
Soldan High School	314-367-9222
Sumner High School	314-371-1048
Vashon High School	314-533-9487

Alternative Sites

Alternative South @ Stevens	314-652-9083
Fresh Start @ Sumner	314-531-2220
Griscom	314-552-2219
Innovative Concept School @ Blewett	314-231-7738
Multiple Pathway @Beaumont	314-533-2410
New American Prep Academy	314-776-3285

For more information please contact

St. Louis Public School District, 314-231-3720

John Niemeyer, Director of High School Graduation Initiative 314-345-2363

Charlie E. Bean, Dropout Recruiter 314-345-4424

STAY IN SCHOOL

"YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT"

2013-2014



Proud Graduates CLASS OF 2013



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INITIATIVE

WHY SHOULD YOU STAY IN SCHOOL?

Personal – Do you know that almost all future jobs will require at least a high school education? If you're considering a military career, the armed service requires a high school diploma or GED prior to enlisting.

School offers you opportunities to learn important life skills that help you understand those decisions such as getting married, having children and bad behavior affect your present and future. You can learn job hunting skills such as resume writing and interviewing. Many schools offer career education and/or internships that provide the skills necessary to find a job that pays above minimum wage.

Family – Your family wants to see you walk across the stage and receive your diploma. Perhaps you don't have a good role model in your family, but you can become that role model for younger brothers and sisters by graduating from high school.

Your Community Cares – Your local community is also interested in your education. Boys and Girls Clubs or Big Brothers/Big Sisters are among the many community organizations that provide mentors. You can discuss your decisions with your mentor and receive support, advice and encouragement. Many communities provide after-school activities and homework centers. There are also community agencies that can provide health and human services for you and your family.

REASONS FOR STAYING IN SCHOOLS

1. **Prepares a person for a life.** School teaches that the choices we make now will have consequences later, either positive or negative.
2. **Teaches independence.** One of the objectives of the school system in a free society is to provide the knowledge for individuals to learn how to think and fend for themselves as they grow older.
3. **Builds decision-making skills.** Through the structured environment of the classroom and curriculum requirements, coupled with sports and extra-curricular activities, young people learn to make decisions that directly affect them and their future.
4. **Creates job opportunities.** An employer is more likely to hire someone who has graduated high school than a person who dropped out.
5. **Help students recognize their talents.** Not all students thrive in an academic setting. School-to-work programs provide the opportunity to be successful in a work setting.
6. **Encourages a lifetime of learning through higher education.** Beginning in the 1950s, the United States saw an enormous decline in the proportion of jobs available to people with 7th- or 8th – grade level of basic literacy and a corresponding leap in demand for people with much higher levels of skills and knowledge.
7. **Is a pre-requisite for military career.** Teens would drop out of high school to join the military. They can't do that anymore. The armed service requires a high school diploma prior to enlisting.

*College of Health, Education, and Human Development Clemson University
*Graduation for All...Camilla Lehr, Ann Clapper, Martha Thurlow.....

Are You on the Edge of Dropping Out?

Use this self checklist to determine if you have some of the characteristics of dropouts.

Are you often absent or tardy?

Are you failing several classes?

Are you behind a grade or two?

Do you have difficulty seeking help from your teacher?

Have you been suspended from school?

Is it difficult for you to read and understand your assignments?

Are you bored with your classes?

Do you have a child or are you pregnant?

Are you having trouble at home?

Are you in constant conflict with your teachers?

Do you think you need to go to work to help support your family?

Do you think you need to go to work to support your family?

Does your family move frequently?

Are you a substance abuser?

Do you have difficulty with the English language and need help with translations?

Do you feel alone, as though you don't have any friends?



Have you been a victim of bullying or harassment?

Do you feel different from kids your age?

Do you have too many personal problems at home?

If you answer yes to a number of the questions above, you may be at risk of dropping out of school. You need to talk to someone you trust about your problems. This may be your counselor, principal, teacher, coach, parents, other family member or any adult that you trust. The important thing is to ask for help before you drop out.



Need Help?
Call Charlie E. Bean
314-345-4424

Do You REALLY Want to Drop Out?

You may be thinking about dropping out of school because you believe that anything is better than being in school. Your decision to drop out will have an effect on the rest of your life. The facts show that dropping out can lead to juvenile delinquency, welfare dependency and even prison. You may already have made up your mind to drop out of school, but take a look at the facts before you do.

Just the Facts

- Fact 1 High school dropouts are eligible for only 12% of new Jobs.
- Fact 2 Rates of unemployment for minorities are up to 10 times higher for those without a high school education.
- Fact 3 Most Hispanics remain in low skilled positions.
- Fact 4 Dropouts have only half as much annual income as a high school graduate by the time prime working age is reached.
- Fact 5 Girls who drop out are more likely to have a child at a younger age and tend to be single parents.
- Fact 6 Dropouts are more likely to be involved in risky behavior such as drug use and violence.

**STAY IN
SCHOOL**

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Your traditional high school is not the only way to complete your education. You do have other options. Talk to your counselor or principal about what is available in your community. You may have some, or all of the following choices:

- Alternative school is designed for students who are not doing well in their classes. Class size is usually smaller and there is more one-on-one assistance.
- Second-chance school offers those who have dropped out or been expelled the opportunity to earn their high school diploma.
- Homebound instruction is sometimes available to students who have a lengthy suspension and are unable to attend classes for health reason.
- GED is a high school equivalency diploma that can be completed at your own pace. School district and community/technical colleges offer this option (for students 17yrs old and older).
- Virtual high school offer online classes on a 24/7 basis that allow you to obtain a high school diploma. (<http://www.dlrn.org/virtual.html>)

