

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
Lane County Public Schools
Annual Program Site Evaluation
2014-15**

Program/School Name Wellsprings Friends School

Health & Safety – Facility Condition

Is the facility clean & orderly Yes No

Comments

The facility was clean and mostly orderly. There was an unpleasant odor permeating the first floor area the day the site was visited. I have attended numerous meetings and have not noticed this odor before. Perhaps the ventilation system needs cleaning?

Does facility meet safety code Yes No

Comments:

NFPA inspection completed September 2, 2014. Documentation enclosed.

Attendance/Discipline Policy (collect copy of program's Attendance & Discipline Policy)

Are district attendance reporting policies being adhered to? Yes No

Comments:

I requested this information from the districts with students placed at Wellsprings. Four (Bethel, Fern Ridge, South Lane, Creswell) of the six responded stating attendance is reported on a regular basis; two had not yet responded as of the compilation of this report.

Is attendance taken daily? Yes No

Comments:

Is there an effective method of presenting & enforcing attendance policies? Yes No

Comments

Student handbook enclosed.

Are discipline procedures posted? Yes No

Comments

Are students alert and engaged?



Yes



No

Comments:

I observed a social studies class that was having a lively discussion about classifications of drugs and the government. In the particular class I observed, students were engaged and participating in the discussion. One student in the back corner was trying hard to stay awake, something not uncommon in a high school classroom:)

Curriculum

What does a lesson plan look like for an average day?

Lesson plans ranged from "adjusting instruction in the moment" to written plans. A lesson plan I reviewed for a psychology class had one objective to teach about Amnesia and another objective to teach about Melatonin and Parasomnias. These lesson plans had activities to supplement, handouts to inform and readings from a textbook.

How are the needs assessed and met for IEP students

Routine IEP meetings, weekly staff meetings, the IEP consultant (volunteer Lisette Ewing) completes class check ins.

Is curriculum state approved? Yes No

Comments:

Per Dennis Hoerner, Director of Wellsprings: "Our teachers do not use textbooks in their classes. They use a variety of materials in a variety of ways, which is particularly adaptable and effective for our small classes."

Wellsprings School is following the common core standards. Syllabi are enclosed to document this.

What criteria are used for awarding grades/credits? (i.e. proficiency, mastery, project, seat-hours)

Seat hours/attendance.

Has the program been consistent in reporting credits/grades to contracting district? Yes No

Comments:

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Teacher Evaluation

Does instructor show ability to engage students? Yes No

Comments:

The particular instructor I observed, Paul Schroder, most definitely had his students engaged in the discussion that was occurring.

What is the instructor's style of presentation?

The instructor was relaxed and casual. He clearly had a connection with students.

Is instructor accredited by the state of Oregon? Yes No

Comments:

Paul Schroder is licensed through TSPC and is teaching in his endorsed area. The remaining instructors are either teaching in an area where they are not endorsed, have expired licenses or no license. With the exception of the part time teachers, paperwork indicates that all staff appear to have been certified to teach at a private alternative program or school. With the exception of Brad Goss, their resumes are enclosed as is the "Private School Certification of Staff" roster.

Has a background investigation been done on all personnel? Yes No

Comments:

Background checks have been completed, however, part-time teachers' background checks still in process.

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