

Youth Connections Special Services Memorandum

MVCTC Youth Connections is an alternative educational program that targets students who are:

- ✓ disconnected from school due to non-attendance or an inability to succeed in a traditional school setting
- ✓ lacking in credits for his or her age group
- ✓ deficient in the areas emphasized on the state mandated tests
- ✓ under expulsion for non-violent reasons
- ✓ in 8th Grade through 12th Grade
- ✓ reading at a 6th grade level

Curricular Requirements

- All students enrolled in Youth Connections are a part of the Career Based Intervention (CBI) program.
- Each student must demonstrate at least an **80% mastery** of every assignment in each of his/her classes to receive credit. If a student does not meet the 80% criteria, they are able to continue working on that assignment and re-test.
- The curriculum is competency-based, not seat-time-based.

Special Education Services

Youth Connections staff can help provide instructional/progress data to the home school but cannot provide specially designed instruction due to not having Intervention Specialist licensure and limited instructional services. Depending upon the accommodations on a student's IEP, Youth Connections may not be a placement option due to curricular requirements and competency-based curriculum. Before acceptance in Youth Connection can take place, the IEP Team, in conjunction with Youth Connections staff, must meet to determine whether or not it is an appropriate placement. Should placement be determined appropriate, *Youth Connection will assist the LEA by providing time and space to LEA staff to provide IEP specific services to the student.*

504 Services

Before acceptance in Youth Connection can take place, the 504 Team, in conjunction with Youth Connections staff, must meet to determine whether or not it is an appropriate placement depending upon the accommodations and services on the student's 504.

Home School Acknowledgment

Should the team decide to continue with placement, I understand any IEP/504 requirements outside of the normal scope and services of Youth Connections must be provided by the LEA. Depending upon accommodations required, the student will take any required testing at the LEA.

LEA District Representative

Title

District

Date