

Dream Academy New Student Orientation

Welcome new students!



The Legend of the Phoenix

- Lived for 500 years
- Built a nest at the end of its life, set it ablaze, and burned in the fire
- From the ashes, a new phoenix rose



I am a leader.

Leaders...

- Do not let hardship stop them from success.
- See failure as an opportunity to learn, grow, and move forward.
- Recognize that when something ends, it's just the beginning of the next chapter of their journey.



Welcome to Dream Academy!

Vision

All Dream Academy students will have the confidence and skills to embrace their dreams, overcome adversity, and achieve personal success.

Mission Statement

Dream Academy provides equitable educational opportunities and empowers all students to become resilient, respectful, and responsible citizens who can succeed in an ever-changing world through individual academic achievement, and self-advocacy.

Academics

- Academic Teaming
- Canvas
- APEX Learning
- 1st period class at High School

SAIL Weekly Schedule



Mindfulness Monday

Participate in activities such as meditation or discussion to set yourself up for a productive and positive week.

Team-Building Tuesday

Work together with your peers to complete games and activities and build your sense of community at DREAM.



Wellness/Work Wednesday

Depending on the week, either participate in discussions and activities surrounding your health or utilize your SAIL period to work on assignments/seek out support for your classes.

Thinking Ahead Thursday

Post-secondary opportunities are the focus today. Utilize your time in SAIL to work on activities or view presentations related to life after high school.



Fun/Focus Friday

You will either be dedicating your SAIL period to catching up on class work or be spending this period with your peers in the library!

Social Academic Intervention Lessons

S.A.I.L

- Self Advocacy Skills
- Work Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Community Building
- Post-Secondary Planning
- Circle Time

School Administrators





Principal

Mary Mangione



Associate Principal

Mary Perkins



Dean of Students

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Student Services Department



Student Services

Counselors

Sarah Kostal - DHS, Dream COOP AM, PM & Evening

Joe Vassallo - New Beginnings, Phoenix, Elgin COOP, Larkin COOP, Streamwood COOP Evening, Dream Day

Intervention Staff

Bill Good - Restorative Intervention Specialist

Ann Miller - Reset

Marisela Garcia- Truancy Specialist

School Social Worker

Scott Carchedi- DHS, Phoenix

Barb Burke- DHS, Dream COOP, NB COOP

Dr. Marie McKee - Dream Day, NB EV, NB HS

Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI)

Jennifer Dimitrov

Nurse

Janet Carani (4th Floor)

Dean's Asst

Art Composano and Ronald Clark

School Policies



Dress Code

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1. Does not depict any violence, hatred, drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation, profanity, phobic language or cruelty of any kind.
2. Covers all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and sides (both male and female) and butt/pelvic/upper thigh areas.
3. Items such as tank tops, sleeveless shirts, any type of shorts, coats, jackets, etc. are all allowed provided they adhere to #2 of this Section (Low backs are not a problem).
4. Jewelry is allowed, unless it becomes a safety concern.
5. Hats, hoods, and other types of head coverings are not allowed unless required for religious or medical purposes.
6. Footwear must be worn for health reasons (cannot go shoeless).
7. ID's are part of the dress code guidelines and must be worn at all times in the building.

Policies

■ Phone policy

- Each teacher has their phone policy for their classroom

■ Vaping

- Students caught vaping or suspected will be subjected to a search

■ COVID

- Students who are in close contact with someone who test positive does not need to quarantine

■ Exits/doors

- Students should only be entering and exiting through **Door 15**



Attendance and Tardy Policy



- If absent, late, or need to leave early
 - **Parent/guardian must call the attendance line**
 - 847.888.5319 ext 5176
- When late or leaving early
 - Check in or out with the front desk
 - State program participation to the monitor
 - Scan ID
- Excessive Tardies or Leaving Campus without Permission
 - Parents will be notified
 - Conversation with support staff upon arrival
 - Parent conference
 - Additional interventions as determined by the team



Hallway Policy

- 2 minute passing periods (Dream High School)
- Other program restroom policies are dependent upon the teacher
- Passes Required
- Vending machines are available during lunch
- Walk and talk

Safety



School District U-46 expects all schools to provide a safe, drug-free environment in which the staff and students can receive an appropriate education.

For the Safety of **ALL** our students

- We conduct random searches and may search any student suspected of violating either the law or the District's student conduct rules.
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8. Backpacks remain in your lockers



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- Restrooms are available 10 minutes after the start of each class (DHS)
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Technology Policy

Chromebook Policy

- All information created and stored on student files should be appropriate for school.
- Students are not to be on the internet without staff permission.
- Students are responsible for taking care of all computers used while at the Dream Academy

Electronics Policy - cell phones, air pods, iPads, etc.

Programs and daily schedules



Programs at Dream Academy

Schedules Vary

- Dream High School
- Dream Day
- Dream High School COOP - AM, PM, & Evening
- Dream High School COOP Larkin - AM & PM
- Dream High School COOP Elgin - AM & PM
- Dream High School COOP Streamwood - Evening
- New Beginnings High School - Day
- New Beginnings High School - Evening
- New Beginnings High School - AM & PM
- Phoenix - AM & PM

Daily Schedule

Dream High School

Breakfast: 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Period 1 - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Class

Period 2 - 10:17 a.m. - 11:12 a.m. Class

Period 3 - 11:14 a.m. - 12:09 p.m. Class

Period 4 - 12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. Lunch/SEL

Period 5 - 12:41 p.m.-1:11 p.m. Lunch/SEL

Period 6 - 1:13 p.m. - 2:08 p.m. Class

Period 7 - 2:10 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. Class

Daily Schedule

Dream and New Beginnings AM and PM COOP Programs

AM Programs

Period 1: 8:00 AM - 9:00AM

Period 2: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Period 3: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

PM Programs

Period 1: 11:55 AM - 12:55 PM

Period 2: 12:55 PM - 1:55 PM

Period 3: 1:55 PM - 2:55 PM

Daily Schedule

Dream Evening Programs

Monday - Thursday

Period 1: 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Period 2: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Lunch: 5:00

Period 3: PM - PM

Transition Process



Change of Programs Request

Change of Program within Dream Academy	Dual Enrollment (1st period class at comprehensive high school)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inform counselor of request2. Fill out change of program (Google Form) with counselor3. Filled out form will be reviewed by administration4. Administration will contact student and parent/guardian regarding decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inform counselor of request2. Counselor contacts transition specialists.3. Transition Specialist will meet with the student and contact parents to confirm dual enrollment.4. Counselor reaches out to the comprehensive high school to see what classes are available.5. Student is now part of the transition specialist caseload and will meet with them weekly or bi-monthly.

Full Time Transition Back to the Comprehensive High School

- Student request to go back to their comprehensive high school.
- Once requested, the school counselor, transition specialist, and administration will be notified.
- The transition specialist will contact parent/guardian to discuss/and or confirm the transition back to the comprehensive high school
- An in-person meeting will be scheduled at the comprehensive high school to discuss the request.
- After confirmation of transition and start date, the student will be part of the transition specialist caseload for their first 2 semesters.

I AM A LEADER
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
RESILIENCE

**DREAM students
demonstrate the
3 R's**

*“Some are lost from the fire
but we are **BUILT** from it”*