

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the Nassau BOCES Twilight Alternative High School?**

The Twilight Alternative High School provides an alternative setting in the late afternoon for students who have not succeeded in the traditional educational setting. The program gives teenagers the necessary tools to either return successfully to their home high schools, or to complete their high school requirements, while helping them prepare for post-secondary education or employment.

## **How does it work?**

Students attend this Regents-based program in the late afternoon in their home school district. Students receive strong educational support, as classes are small and largely focused on the students.

## **Who is it for?**

Twilight Alternative High School is for students who struggle with the traditional school schedule. Some students have families, jobs or other responsibilities that do not allow them to attend school all day. It is designed to meet the individualized needs of students who have the potential to be successful and productive citizens but need to complete their high school diploma.

## **Who decides what courses the student needs?**

With input from the district, an instructional plan will be created for each student that will keep him/her on track for the courses needed to graduate from their high school.

## **Who provides instruction?**

Classes are taught by New York State certified teachers. Often times these teachers work in the district during the school day and teach in the Twilight Alternative High School in the afternoon.

## **What support services are available?**

Students who have educational plans (IEP's and/or 504's) can be accommodated by working with the school's Special Education staff and the team at the Twilight site.

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## **Where is the program located?**

Twilight Alternative High Schools currently are located in six school districts in Nassau County: Uniondale UFSD, Massapequa UFSD, East Rockaway UFSD, Glen Cove UFSD, Freeport UFSD, and Sewanhaka UFSD. A program can be implemented in your district as well.

## **What are the days and hours of the program?**

Most classes meet Monday through Thursday, from approximately 3 - 7 p.m. However, this can vary by district.

## **Is this program aidable?**

Yes. Please refer to CoSer 436.

## **Can this program be run in my district?**

Yes. For more information on running the program in your district, please contact Judith A. Hynes, Principal for Specialized and Virtual Schools at (516) 396-2249.

## **Will my students' credits count?**

As with other Nassau BOCES alternative programs, students will be granted credit by their home district based upon the recommendation of the Nassau BOCES' program principal.

## **What classes will my student take?**

Students will take up to five classes in the afternoon program. The main content areas will be covered as well as a number of limited electives.

## **If we only have a few students appropriate for this program, is there an option for us?**

Yes. Your students can attend the Nassau BOCES Positive Alternative Twilight Program (PATHS), which is located at Barry Tech.

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