

# **Accelerated Recovery Center**

201 E. Wilson Street Dothan, Alabama 36301

334-793-1397 ext 236294

334-699-3646 FAX

Dothan City Schools is committed to ensuring students receive educational opportunities to successfully earn academic credit for graduation. The Accelerated Recovery Center (ARC) is offered as an alternative pathway for students who meet specific criteria for enrollment and are dedicated to earning a high school diploma.

Goals of the ARC Program:

- Support students in remaining in school and successfully completing requirements for graduation
- Encourage regular attendance and punctuality
- Prepare students in college and career readiness future educational opportunities
- Provide general education and response to instruction/intervention as needed
- Provide academic counseling and behavioral counseling i.e. conflict resolution
- Provide social skills development and career counseling support

ARC is a nontraditional school program that serves secondary (middle/high school) students who meet any of the following criteria:

- Have been disengaged from the traditional system by
  - Middle school grade level over-aged (16+ years) and/or behind in academic credits for graduation per grade level pacing requirements
- Demonstrate creativity, honesty, courage and hopefulness in pursuit of a high school diploma

Students at the ARC will receive academic assessment and core academic instruction in Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies, and other courses required for graduation, through a computer based learning management system (Edgenuity) with direct teacher support.

All students are provided test prep opportunities for state required assessments and will test at ARC. Students will participate in career preparatory opportunities, career assessments, and career inventories.

Updated and Dothan City Schools Board approved June, 2022.

## Enrollment Procedures

- Students will complete an application obtained from their base school counselor.
- Students, parent/guardian, and ARC staff will be involved in an intake conference where a plan of services will be developed and a contract signed.
- Each contract will detail required attendance, behavior and conditions of enrollment. The contracts will be signed by all stakeholders and must be followed at all times to remain a part of ARC.
  
- Students **WILL** be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities and/or senior activities at their base school while attending ARC with the following stipulation:
  - Successful completion of all assignments AND requirements/expectations while attending ARC
  - meet all eligibility requirements and expectations for extracurricular activities i.e. athletics, senior activities, etc.
  - And written approval signed by the ARC Lead Teacher AND the base school principal.
  
- Per the Student Progression Guide for early/midyear graduation pg 37:
  - *Students who plan to accelerate their programs of studies for the purpose of early graduation may do so if space is available in classes after grade-level students have completed registration.*
  - *Students who complete graduation requirements early will not be permitted to remain at school during the regular school day since they will not be enrolled in classes. If a student needs to attend a school activity, the principal's permission is required.*
  - *A student must be a full-time student to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities; therefore, a student who graduates early will not be eligible for extracurricular activities.*
  - *Students who complete graduation requirements early will receive their diplomas at the regularly scheduled graduation ceremony.*
  
- Students assigned will be subject to the Code of Conduct for Dothan City Schools.
- Students will remain on roll at home base school and attendance will be reported daily to home base schools.
- Students assigned to ARC by Tribunal decision

## Application Requirements and Review

Nomination from the middle or high school principal or tribunal recommendation is required before an applicant will be considered for Accelerated Recovery Center (ARC).

Accelerated Recovery Center is recognized by the Dothan City Schools as an "alternative school of choice" and is designed to accommodate at-risk or non-traditional students.

Students must be capable of success in an accelerated, self-paced computerized, independent learning environment.

A completed application is required. Applications can be obtained from the guidance department of either the middle school or high school respectively and should be returned to the students' base school guidance office. **All applications, upon approval by the base school's principal and the site based lead teacher providing oversight of this program will be forwarded to the ARC department at 201 E. Wilson Street.**

Incomplete Applications will **be returned** to the base school guidance office. Filing an application does NOT automatically ensure acceptance.

## Staff Members

Assistant Superintendent Coordinator - Debra Wright, PhD. [dewright@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:dewright@dothan.k12.al.us)

Principal in Residence - LaTasha Weatherington [lawetherington@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:lawetherington@dothan.k12.al.us)

Dothan High School Counselor - Courtney Bratcher [cobratcher@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:cobratcher@dothan.k12.al.us)

Dothan Virtual School Counselor - Michelle Little [milittle@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:milittle@dothan.k12.al.us)

Carver 9th Grade Academy Counselor - Celeste Johnson [cejohnson@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:cejohnson@dothan.k12.al.us)

Lead Facilitator - Jessica Bradshaw [jebradshaw@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:jebradshaw@dothan.k12.al.us)

Facilitator - Eve Fabbrini [evfabbrini@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:evfabbrini@dothan.k12.al.us)

Program Secretary - Kim Cook [kicook@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:kicook@dothan.k12.al.us)

Program Aide - Danny Youngblood [dayoungblood@dothan.k12.al.us](mailto:dayoungblood@dothan.k12.al.us)

Updated and Dothan City Schools Board approved June, 2022.

# Dothan City Schools Accelerated Recovery Center Principal / Counselor Nomination Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student School ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level/Cohort \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Parent Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Does this student require any special services?

If yes, a meeting will need to be scheduled  
before going forward with application.

Current number of credits needed for graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Base School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your reason for recommending this student:

Principal/Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Dothan City Schools Accelerated Recovery Center Student Application for Enrollment

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Accelerated Recovery Center has two sessions from which to choose.**

- You must select one of the two choices.
- When making your selection, please choose carefully because attendance for the full four hours per day is critical.
  - Consider work schedules, day-care schedules, transportation limitations, and any other issues that might prevent you from attending school for the full allotted time..

### **Again, please circle one and choose carefully:**

- 7:45 AM – 11:15 AM
- 11:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- No Preference / First available opening

## ASSURANCES

ARC Procedures and Guidelines

Dothan City Schools Code of Student Conduct

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature below indicates that I have read and will abide by the district's expectations for Student Behavior i.e. DCS Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy for computers, electronic mail, and Internet use. Parent/Guardian's signature provides permission for student participation in prevention program surveys during the year.

Medical Release Authorization

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the person(s) listed on the DCS Health Form as Emergency Contact and the doctor listed on this form to be notified at the school's discretion, and do authorize the named doctor to render such treatment as may be deemed necessary in an emergency for the health of said child and assume the responsibility for payment of any professional emergency service required.

Field Trip Permission

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to designated personnel of DCS for my child to participate in field trips and any other school related activity that is deemed appropriate to their educational/instructional experience.

***I consent and have given authorization for all the areas detailed above on behalf of my student.***

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dothan City Schools Accelerated  
Recovery Center  
Student Eligibility Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

This section is very important in getting to know your needs and to determine priority of acceptance. Please circle "YES" or "NO" to the following questions and explain any "YES" answers.

	Please circle your answer choice for each question.	
Have you ever had a truancy petition filed on you?	YES	NO
Have you ever attempted to withdraw/drop out of school?	YES	NO
Have you had discipline issues at school?	YES	NO

Please explain any "YES" answers circled above:

Please tell us about your previous experiences in middle/high school that have led you to apply to the ARC.

We want you to be successful at ARC. Please list changes and commitments you are willing to make to **achieve success?**

# **Dothan City Schools Accelerated Recovery Center Parent Commitment for Student Enrollment**

## Admissions Eligibility Criteria:

- At least 16 years of age
- 1-2 years over-age for grade
- Unique circumstances that would prevent the student from graduating on time with their cohort class (the class group a student enters high school).

To be successful at ARC, parents and students should be aware that

- The coursework and textbooks are all computerized and differ from those used in a traditional high school setting.
- The curriculum is designed to be self-paced so students can achieve success to ensure meeting graduation requirements.
- Academic Credits are not given but earned.
- Academic Credit is awarded as soon as a course is completed.
- Completed credits can transfer but incomplete course grades do not transfer to their campuses.
- Our expectation is that each student, within the school year, will earn ten or more credits per year, get caught up to their correct grade level, or complete graduation requirements.

Teachers and aides are instructional resources available for immediate support. The maximum student/teacher ratio is 7/1 to ensure that students receive more individualized time with the teacher.

- Students must attend and be on time every day.
- Students must work diligently while at school.
- Students must follow the DCS Student Code of Conduct.
- Students must follow the DCS Dress Code i.e must be appropriately and modestly dressed.

## Student Responsibilities

Updated and Dothan City Schools Board approved June, 2022.



- Self-motivation and good work habits are essential.
- Students take ownership of his/her own education and ultimately control when he/she will graduate.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO THIS CAMPUS

Transportation will be provided by parent/guardian.

Our signatures on the agreement indicate that we understand that enrollment in the Accelerated Recovery Center requires daily attendance for four hours per day.

- If the student does not meet the minimum attendance requirements he/she will be **referred** for truancy or potentially lose their place in the program.
- We further understand the student will **complete** their high school graduation requirements at the Accelerated Recovery Center and must adhere to the Dothan City School Student Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



ACCELERATED RECOVERY CENTER  
312 Cordova Drive  
Dothan, Alabama 36301  
334-793-1397 ext. 236294

### **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES**

**Morning Class: 7:30 - 11:15**

**Afternoon Class: 11:30 – 3:00**

Arriving after 7:45 for the Morning class and 11:45 for the afternoon class will result in you being tardy.

### **ABSENCES**

- 15 Days Absent (Unexcused)
- 8 Days Consecutively Absent

Will Result in Automatic Dismissal from the ARC Program

- Parent/Guardian will be contacted daily of student's absence

**Any student arriving after 7:45 for the morning class or 12:45 for the afternoon class will have to be signed in by someone.**

**Arriving after 8:15 for morning class and 12:15 for afternoon class, the student will not be allowed to enter the building and will be counted Absent for the day.**

### **DRESS CODE**

**DCS Dress Code will be followed along with the following ARC guidelines**

- No Short Shorts, No Crop Tops, No Pajama Pants, No Tank Tops, No Sleeveless Tops, No ripped jeans (where you can see your skin)
- No Bedroom/House Shoes, No Head wear of any kind: Hats, Caps, Bandanas, Do Rags, Shower Caps or any Head Wraps.
- No dresses or skirts, No spandex shorts.
- If leggings are worn, a shirt must be long enough to cover the students bottom.

Students may wear hoodies, but cannot have the hoodie over their head once they enter the building. If a student is caught with a hoodie pulled up over or on their head, that student will no longer be able to wear a hoodie in the building.

If a student arrives out of Dress Code, the student will be sent home or be allowed to call to have the appropriate clothing brought to them

### **SLEEPING**

If a student goes to sleep during class time that student will be woken up twice.

On the third time the student will have to call a Parent/Guardian to come and pick them up. Teachers will only wake a student up twice during their 3 ½ hour class time.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Each student will be Security Scanned before entering the building.
- If a student arrives at the ARC and is smelling of marijuana then that student will be instructed to call someone to come and pick them up and they will not be able to attend the ARC that day.
- For a student to be able to Drive themselves to The ARC, they must provide us with a Copy of their Current License to obtain an ARC parking pass
- A student driving cannot have another student riding with/or leaving with them unless there is Written Permission from each students Parent or Guardian on file
- Transportation is NOT PROVIDED to The ARC, this will be left up to the parent/guardian
- All Students will have a mandatory Parent/Guardian conference at the end of each nine weeks
- If a student is absent for the day, the student will be De-Activated from working at home until the student returns to school
- No Food in the building
- Lunch is Not Provided at The ARC

## **ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

- Students parent/guardian and The ARC staff will be involved in an intake conference where a plan of services will be developed and a contract signed.
- Each contract will detail required attendance, behavior and conditions of enrollment. The contracts will be signed by all stakeholders and must be followed at all times to remain at The ARC.
- Students will not participate in Extracurricular activities at their base school while attending The ARC.
- Students assigned will be subject to the Code of Conduct for Dothan City Schools
- Students will remain on roll at home base school and attendance will be reported daily to home base schools. All Truancy proceedings apply at The ARC just like at their base school
- Filing an application does Not automatically ensure acceptance to The ARC