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Fellow Educator,

Do you have students and parents that could use a change in the academic setting?

Since 2012, Appalachian ChalleNGe Academy (ACA) has assisted over 1,200 students across our region. Our program offers adolescents, who are struggling in a traditional high school setting, an opportunity to recover high school credits and experience personal growth through our Academy Core Components, which include Academic Excellence, Citizenship, Life Coping Skills, Leadership/Followership, Job Skills, Health and Hygiene, Physical Training, and Service to Community.

This is a free program to the families—we supply all their needs for the 22 weeks.

Admission Qualifications

- 15 ½ -18 years old
- Failing to progress in a traditional high school setting
- Mentally and physically capable of participating

While attending ACA, students work to improve their academic standing in Credit Recovery courses coordinated individually through each student's referring high school. Our Academic Staff works diligently with each student's Guidance Counselor to determine their path for academic success and provides status updates throughout the residential phase of the program. Courses are taken online through Edgenuity Learning software. Additionally, Exceptional Learner Students who fall under IDEA classifications are serviced through a partnership with the Harlan County School System.

After completing the 22-week residential phase of our program, students return to their referring high school to continue their education and successful path towards graduation.

ACA is currently accepting applications for our upcoming class, which is scheduled to begin on January 9, 2022. The safety and security of all students and staff will remain our top priority as we continue uninterrupted face-to-face instruction throughout the COVID-19 pandemic environment.

If you have a student who would benefit from our program, or have any questions about Youth ChalleNGe, please connect the family or guardian with your Regional Counselor (Map and contact information is attached).

Respectfully,

Josh Coldiron
Director, Appalachian ChalleNGe Academy

