



# Experience Program

*A Progressive Educational Program*

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## VISION

Striving to ensure success for all students.

## PURPOSE

Empower each student to achieve personal success every day.

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*“Forest Hills School District is committed to the success of all students. In the Experience Program, students can learn in an environment that is more conducive to their needs. It is a unique program that will assist students in receiving or recovering class credit in an innovative setting with rigorous coursework. By using small classes and technology, we provide students with a positive learning environment in which their goals and aspirations will become realities.”*

**–Larry Hook  
Superintendent**



## What is the Experience Program?

In an effort to meet the needs of a diverse student population Forest Hills School District implemented a progressive educational program, the Experience Program, during the summer of 2017. Through innovation, technology and smaller class sizes, students who experience difficulty in a traditional high school setting are empowered to achieve personal success. To do this, the Experience Program students are presented with a variety of options to help them meet their academic goals while continuing to be linked to services and experiences that are essential to self-discovery success, such as counseling, extracurriculars, and career exploration.

## What is a class like in the Experience Program?

The Experience Program, a progressive, competency-based approach to learning, allows flexibility for students to complete course work while they continue to develop strong relationships with other Turpin and Anderson students and staff members.

Students will attend the Experience Program either in the morning or afternoon in a state-of-the-art computer lab designed especially for Experience Program students and housed in the District Operations building, 7550 Forest Road. By completing class work in a technology-infused setting, students are able to utilize online resources to meet their academic goals. In addition, Experience Program teachers work with specific students to foster goal-setting, encourage attendance, track progress, monitor behavior and well-being, and facilitate communication to parents.



## What are options within the Experience Program?

The following are brief descriptions of the three pathways within the Experience Program and a general profile of the student each serves.

### Engage Pathway

- Student thrives in non-traditional school setting
- Re-teaching opportunity due to the small group environment

### Empower

- Students achieve success through online learning in a home environment
- Students attend regularly scheduled, face-to-face meetings with a teacher for instruction and remediation, test and exam completion, work completion, and course pacing

### Excel

- Participate in college level courses and obtain college credit via College Credit Plus opportunities
- Opportunity to graduate early
- Extend beyond the typical curriculum
- Flexible scheduling
- Work-study/ co-op style learning

## Who can attend the Experience Program?

To begin the process to participate in the Experience Program, a student, parent, or staff member should contact the student's high school counselor to initiate the referral process. Once a referral is made, a referral team consisting of a counselor, administrator, staff member, student, and a member of the student's family will analyze the student's needs (social, academic, medical, attendance, etc.), past academic data, and the student's ability to work independently from a classroom environment. If it is determined that the Experience Program is an appropriate option for a student, the student will then meet with staff to choose an appropriate pathway, set goals, and review program expectations, policies, and procedures.