

The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program (YCP) is a multi-phased alternative education program, targeting high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. The program’s function is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of “at-risk” youth and produce program graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 1. Residential Phase:** The highly structured five and a half month Residential Phase (cycle) focuses on continuing education through Course Choice, Credit Recovery, HiSET® (GED), and Career Readiness. The program’s eight core components are: Academic Excellence, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Service to Community, Health and Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Leadership/Followership, and Life Coping Skills.
- 2. Post-Residential Mentoring Phase:** The 12 month Post-Residential Mentoring Phase provides support to students from mentors and program Case Managers as they work toward their goals. Every student sets goals and develops a Post-Residential Action Plan (PRAP) to help identify and recognize the tasks and resources necessary to attain education/work related goals through continued education, employment, or entering the military.

COURSE CREDIT

YCP is a state approved program, Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice (SCA) approved provider, and a state approved HiSET® provider. Students are eligible to enroll in YCP if 16-18 years old.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

School systems have two options in determining how to enroll students in YCP. Monitoring and reporting information is also described for each option.

	Student stays enrolled in school	Student stays enrolled in SIS	YCP Program Type	YCP Funding	Monitoring and Reporting
OPTION 1	Yes	Yes	SCA/Course Choice Carnegie credit earned	SCA/Course Choice or n/a for HiSET®	Monitored by: school system child welfare and attendance officer or designated school site facilitator Grades reported by: YCP to school system
OPTION 2	No	No	HiSET® No Carnegie credit earned	none	none

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
<p>Students are participating in YCP as part of the Course Choice Program at YCP and continuing to earn Carnegie credit. The school system should not exit the student from SIS since the school system is still responsible for the student and actively monitoring him/her. For all SIS collections, attendance and class schedules should be reported. Grades should be reported monthly to the school system by YCP, and any final course grades should be applied to the transcript per district Pupil Progression Plan policy. Participation is monitored by the district child welfare and attendance officer or designated school site facilitator. Students must take all state mandated assessments. If the student is in special education, all services, accommodations, etc. must be provided and applicable data must be submitted and kept up to date in the Special Education Reporting System (SER). School systems should ensure that contracts with school choice providers include agreements on meeting special student needs.</p>	<p>The district relinquishes all student services to YCP and fully exits the student from the school system to earn a HiSET®. No Carnegie credits will be awarded. Students should be exited from SIS using exit reason 11 “Transfer to Adult Education” with Dropout Reason 22 “Entered Youth Challenge, Job Corps, VOA, WIAO Youth Program”. Students have until October 1 of the academic year following their exit from school to earn the HiSET® equivalency credential. If he/she earns a HiSET® within the allotted time frame, students should be recoded and exited in SIS using exit reason code 05 “HiSET “.</p>

Examples:

- A student goes to YCP and takes regular coursework with the intention of returning to the home school after YCP graduation, continues to earn Carnegie credit, and the school system monitors progress – Option 1
- A student goes to YCP and takes HiSET® coursework with the intention of returning to the school system after YCP graduation to complete HiSET® work, is earning Carnegie credit, and the school system monitors progress – Option 1
- A student goes to YCP and takes HiSET® coursework with the intention of returning to the school system after YCP graduation but completes the HiSET® at YCP before returning and the school system monitors progress – Option 1
- A student goes to YCP and the school system assumes the student is the responsibility of YCP and wants to exit the student out of the system and no longer monitor progress – Option 2

For additional questions regarding YCP contact 1-800-CAMP-KID (toll free), 318-641-5803, or www.langycp.com. For questions on SCA, Course Choice, or HiSET®, contact sca@la.gov.