

Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program (EDOP)

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PROFESSIONAL INFO:
CPSB Child Welfare & Attendance (CWA)
EDOP Coordinator/Hearing Officer

- Began Working at Calcasieu Parish School Board in 2014
- Joined the CWA Office in October 2018
- Became EDOP Coordinator in October 2021
- Worked at Both CPSB Alternative Sites (CPAS), Prior to CWA

ABOUT MYSELF



- Married to Wife Terra for 7 Years
- 4-Year-Old Daughter, Mia

ESTABLISHMENT OF EDOP

- Program Began in 2014
- Since Then, Approximately **600+** Students Have Gone Through the Program

WHAT IS EDOP?

(Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program)

- The Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program (EDOP) is Designed for First Time Offenders on a Case Specific Basis.
- EDOP Allows for an Expulsion to be Modified Based on the Conditions Set Forth During the Review or Appeal Process.
- Properly Adhering to the Conditions Will Result in the Student's Timelier Home-School Return.
- Failure to Comply or Meet the Set Completion Date Will Result in the Revocation of Expulsion Modifications.

PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO BEGIN THE EDOP PROGRAM

- 1. Expulsion Hearing
- 2. Family Appeals the Hearing Decision
- 3. Meeting with CWA Director
- 4. Director Makes Decision on Appeal
- 5. If Given the Opportunity of EDOP, They Meet with Myself to Discuss the Program Terms

EDOP POLICIES



Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program Policies

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Progress will be reviewed on _____

Community Service

A list of acceptable organizations can be found in the EDOP folder. Additional organization requests are welcomed and should be made to Mr. Wesley Jones. Hours are to be documented on the provided community service log. Supervisors' contact information must be accurate and functioning in order for verification of hours served to occur. Only verified hours will receive credit. Directions for submitting are located on the log.

Counseling Services

Assigned counseling at _____. FYCA: 6 individual & 3 group sessions. RCS or PCS: 6-8 individual sessions. YTAS: 9-week program, 1 session each week & 3-Parenting/Family Sessions. Placement will be determined by the CWA Director or EDOP coordinator. The counselors communicate weekly attendance and successful completion to Mr. Jones. **Guardians are responsible for contacting the assigned provider to schedule appointments.** All attempts should be made to avoid sessions occurring during school hours. If a student misses school for counseling, it is his or her responsibility to request a school excuse from the counselor. Cancellations must occur at least 24 hours before the set appointment. **A missed appointment or cancellation made less than 24 hours from a scheduled appointment will result in the immediate dismissal from the program and revocation of expulsion modifications. You must make contact with the assigned counseling agency within a 48-hour (2 day) period.**

Essay

Write a research essay of at least 1,000 typed words, based on choices influencing perception. Support your points with at least four documented sources that are to be included on an MLA works cited page.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

Upon returning to school, students begin ISS. Once completed, the school will notify Mr. Jones.

CWA Citizenship Course

A three-hour course held on _____ at _____.
The instructor will provide the student and Mr. Jones with attendance documentation.

Release of Records

The guardian gives permission to CWA to release the student's records to the assigned agency. It is understood that these records will be transferred to the above-named agency on the condition that no third parties other than those allowed access under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 will be allowed access without written consent of the guardians or the student if over the age of 19.

STUDENTS ENTRY TO EDOP

- The principal and the administrator that was present at the expulsion hearing will receive an email stating the student has entered EDOP.
- The email will also list the conditions of EDOP for the student and a return to school date.

HOME SCHOOL REENTRY

- The Student's Return Date Will Be Determined by the CWA Director on a Case-by-Case Basis.
 - Some Students Will Return to Their Home Schools Immediately
 - Some Students Will Attend CPAS Until They Have Met Certain Conditions to Return to Their Home School.

POTENTIAL CONDITIONS OF EDOP

- Community Service Hours with Approved Organizations
- Counseling Sessions Through Contracted Agencies
- Counseling Evaluation
- Essay Related to Infraction That Led to Expulsion Hearing
- Drug Screens
- Other Conditions on a Case-by-Case Basis



Counseling Attendance Agreement

_____ has been assigned counseling sessions at

Family and Youth Counseling Agency (FYCA)
220 Louie St. Lake Charles, LA
(337)436-9533

In signing this form, you are indicating that you fully understand the counseling attendance policies.

1. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact the agency within two (2) business days of contract signing.
2. I understand that all attempts to hold appointments outside of the school day will be made. In the unlikely event of an appointment occurring during the school day, it is our (guardian and student) responsibility to request an excuse from the agency. The validity of the excuse will be limited to travel and session time.
3. I understand that if the student arrives more than 15 minutes after the scheduled appointment time, the student is considered tardy, even in the event that the counselor conducts the session.
4. I agree to call the agency to cancel appointments at least 24 hours in advance. If I do not call to cancel and the student does not attend the session, then it is considered a “no-show.”
5. I understand that one “no-show” or two tardies will result in the immediate and unsuccessful dismissal from the program.
6. I understand that an unsuccessful dismissal will result in the student completing the original expulsion hearing assignment.

I have read and accept the Counseling Attendance Agreement

Guardian Signature

Date

EDOP Facilitator

Date



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OFFICE OF CHILD WELFARE & ATTENDANCE
STUDENT COUNSELING REFERRAL

Date: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Agency:

Student (full name):

D.O.B:

Race:

Gender:

School:

Grade:

Parent/Guardian:

Address:

Contact Phone:

E-mail: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Referred by: Wesley Jones

Contact Phone: 337-217-4230 ext. 2910

Reason for referral:

Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program Checklist

Sign Documents

EDOP policies

Requirements

Enroll in the CPSB counseling program with _____ (It is your responsibility to contact the counselor.)

Perform _____ hours of community service

Log

Approved Sites

Possible Placements

• _____

• _____

Complete CWA Citizenship Course

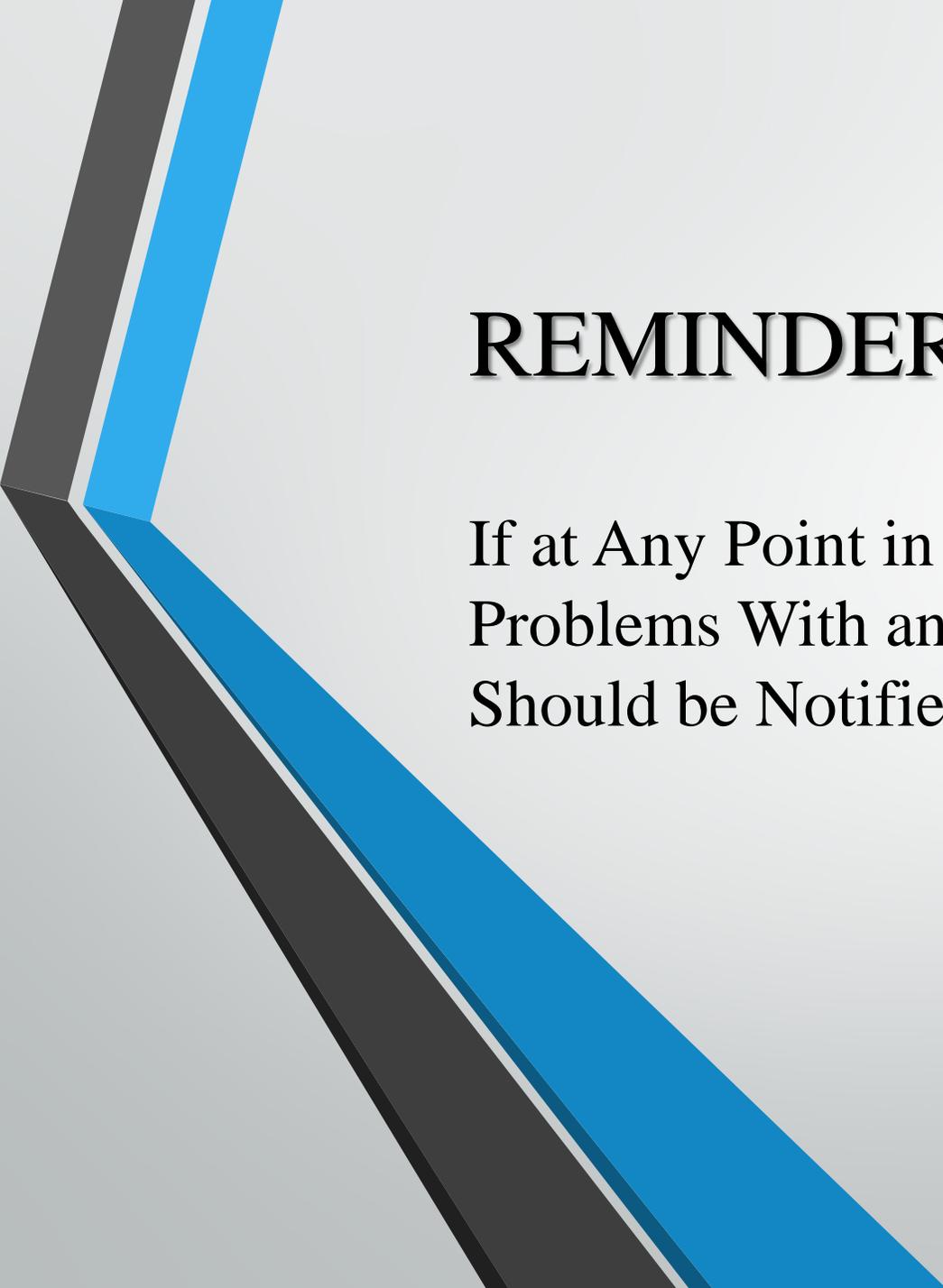
Serve _____ consecutive days of ISS or lunch detention (circle one)

Write Essay (Details outlined on EDOP policies page)

Other: _____

Review Appointment

Questions



REMINDER:

If at Any Point in Time the Home School is Having Problems With an EDOP Student, the EDOP Coordinator Should be Notified Immediately.

REASONS FOR REMOVAL FROM EDOP

- If a Student Returns to School & Remains Behavior Issue
- Community Service Hours Not Completed by Deadline
- Failure to Attend Scheduled Counseling Session

If Removed From Program, the Student Will be Removed From EDOP and Have to Enroll at a CPAS Site for the Number of Days Originally Assigned After the Expulsion Hearing.

TRACKING OF STUDENT'S EDOP COMPLETION

- After the EDOP Coordinator Verifies That the Student Has Met All Their Conditions an Email Will be Sent to the Principal and the Administrator That Was Present at the Expulsion Hearing.

EDOP RESULTS & SUCCESS

- Approximately **3,062** Community Service Hours Completed by Students.
- Approximately **421** Counseling Sessions Attended by Students.
- Fluctuates Around **90-95%** Successful Completion Rate.
- Only **4** Students Have Successfully Completed the Program and Gone on to Have Another Expulsion Hearing.

CPSB AWARDED IATDP's 2022 PROGRAM OF THE YEAR



WRAP UP & CLOSING THOUGHTS

- EDOP is Designed to Give Students a Second Chance, While Still Having Consequences (Community Service, Counseling, Etc.)
- EDOP Can be a Great Tool to get the Pressure Off You. A Student That Did Something Totally Out of Character That Results in an Expulsion Process, but You Don't Necessarily Want Them at an Alternative Site
- Alternative Site are not the Right Placement for Some Students



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