



Reconnection Center

@Helensview School
Reengaging With The Future



Purpose of the Center

The Reconnection Center's sole purpose is to reengage disconnected youth with educational opportunities. Historically, if students are not reengaged immediately upon request, they are discouraged and they disengage for even longer periods of time. The Reconnection Center will provide students with academic assessments, credit evaluation, credit recovery, and identification of a "best-fit" education placement.

The Center is for

Students who are between the ages of 14 and 21 who are:

- Seeking reengagement;
- Not currently enrolled in or attending a school/program;
- Unable to reengage in education due to program capacity limitations and/or insufficient time remaining in term/semester to complete coursework.

Length of Enrollment

The goal of the Reconnection Center is to reengage students in an educational environment as soon as possible. Students will remain in the Center only until a "best-fit" school or program is identified and available. Participation in the Reconnection Center will always be less than one semester.

Location and Hours

The Reconnection Center is located at Helensview School, 8678 NE Sumner St. Portland, OR, 97220. Student schedules for registration and enrollment vary. The Center will notify each student and family individually.

Enrollment Process

- A student who wants to return to school, and a placement is unavailable with their home district can contact the Reconnection Center at Helensview School, (503) 262-4150. Reconnection Center staff will meet with the student and develop an enrollment plan with the student/family.

Program Components

- Academic Assessment
- Credit/Transcript Evaluation
- Student/Family interview
- Development of Short-Term Education Plan (STEP)
- Review of Programs/Schools
- Credit Recovery through on-line courses with teacher support
- Personalized Reconnection to "best-fit" educational placement
- Follow-up for one semester

Contact Information

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