

LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY PROGRAM SITES

South Campus

Community Program KCJC & Kent Fields 3300 36th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 (616)949-2287

North Campus

The Anchor Program
The Port Program
1260 Ekhart St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616)965-9700

"But there is another lesson that this school has taught us that we can now carry with us for the rest of our lives... That we never read in any textbook. That lesson is that no matter the circumstance- no matter the past, present, or maybe not-so-promising future that an individual may have had-you can put a group of individuals together who have given up and from that create an even stronger group of individuals that one could only dream of being a part of. That will now succeed and progress further than anyone would have ever dreamed, and I- as well as the rest of my fellow graduates- have been honored and blessed with being a part of. Thank you. I love you all."

January 2015 Lighthouse Academy Graduate and Valedictorian





PROVIDING AT-RISK YOUTH A BEACON OF HOPE

TUITION FREE - FULLTIME - DAY & EVENING PROGRAMS



VISION STATEMENT: We empower students to achieve academic success by providing a learning community staffed by people who respect the students and are committed to their academic, social, and emotional growth.

Lighthouse Academy academic programs serve students who may otherwise not have a chance to graduate high school. Programs are designed to support students who are or have been:

- Expelled from School
- Long Term Suspended
- Court Referred
- IEP Placed
- Unaccompanied Minor Refugee
- Young Adult Ed (up to age 22)



THE L.A. PARADIGM OF LEARNING

- Solution-based Thinking
- Positive interventions as well as restorative practices
- Meets MMC Requirements for Graduation
- Accomplishments are celebrated and rewarded
- Daily Academic Support Sessions
- A holistic, individualized approach to goal-setting with each student.
- Academic and personal guidance from a support team.
- Smaller class sizes
- Student-tailored curriculum
- Blended Learning Options
- Up to date Technology
- Experiential learning opportunities
- Work based learning
- Individualized Learning Plans



Please call the main office for more information (616) 949-2287 or visit our website: lighthouseacademyschool.org



SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Breaking the Cycle and Reconnecting Youth

School-to-Prison Pipeline is a widespread pattern in the United States of pushing students, especially those who are already at a disadvantage, out of school and into the American criminal justice system. This "pipeline" is the result of public institutions being neglectful or derelict in properly addressing students as individuals who might need extra educational or social assistance, or being unable to do so because of staffing shortages or statutory mandates.

The result: miseducation and mass incarceration, creating a vicious circle for individuals and communities.
Studies show that youth involved in the

Nearly 90% of adults in prison were truant, expelled or dropped out of school.

juvenile justice system, who display repetitive criminal behavior, are more likely to be involved in adult criminal behavior. In Kent County alone, approximately 200 students experience expulsion or long-term suspension, each year. Over 50% of expelled students end up incarcerated within one year, and most will be chronically unemployed.

Lighthouse Academy successfully addresses both academic and behavioral health needs on-site in an individualized comprehensive manner with multidisciplinary strategies.

Holistic approach to education is a philosophy of education based on the premise that each person finds identity, meaning, and purpose

finds identity, meaning, and purpose in life through connections to the community,

to the natural world, and to humanitarian values such as compassion and peace. A holistic education allows us to tune into each student's unique needs and skills, and will better prepare the student to become a well-rounded adult.