

Benny Benson SEARCH

The goal of the SEARCH Program is to give students from the Anchorage School District in grades 8, 9, and 10 an opportunity for a fresh start and a new environment to find success in their education endeavors. Success will be achieved when students learn good study skills and build self-confidence.

The SEARCH Program has a dual purpose: academic and socialization skills are incorporated into the curriculum. The academic focus is based on the district grade level expectations. Social and emotional learning skills are embraced and woven into all aspects of the program. The social emotional learning aspect of the curriculum is the process through which students learn to recognize and manage emotions, make good decisions, behave ethically and responsibly, develop positive relationships and avoid negative behavior. The SEARCH staff works to build positive relationships with the students, to encourage a sense of being connected to school, and to empower every student with the social skills needed to enjoy academic and personal success.

This program is designed for students who have been unsuccessful at their home school due to: poor attendance, poor academics, social issues, or limited behavioral situations. Students are admitted at the beginning of each quarter and are required to stay until the end of the semester.

Students are given many opportunities to discuss problems with the help of the staff. This is accomplished through conferences, mediations and informal conversations. Most students feel safe in the Search Program due to the small size, and the ability of the staff to listen to student concerns and intervene when necessary.

The SEARCH school day is from 8:20 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Classes students take are Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, and various ~~electives~~ which may be available.

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