

DEPARTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING

Van Alstyne ISD | Strategic Program Overview

Three Pillars of Support



DAEP

Disciplinary Alternative Education Program focused on behavioral intervention, restorative justice, and academic continuity.



PAWS Program

Specialized support providing social-emotional learning (SEL) and resilience building for students needing a non-traditional setting.



Panther Academy

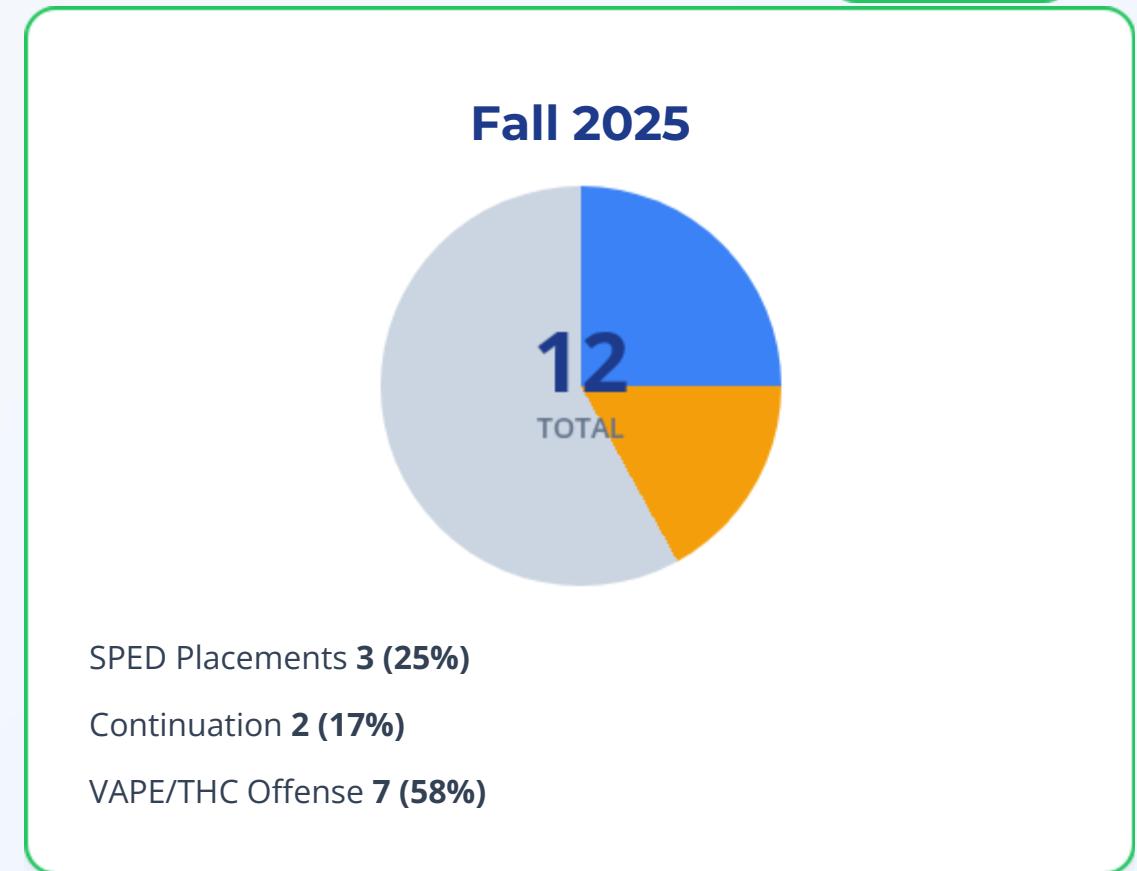
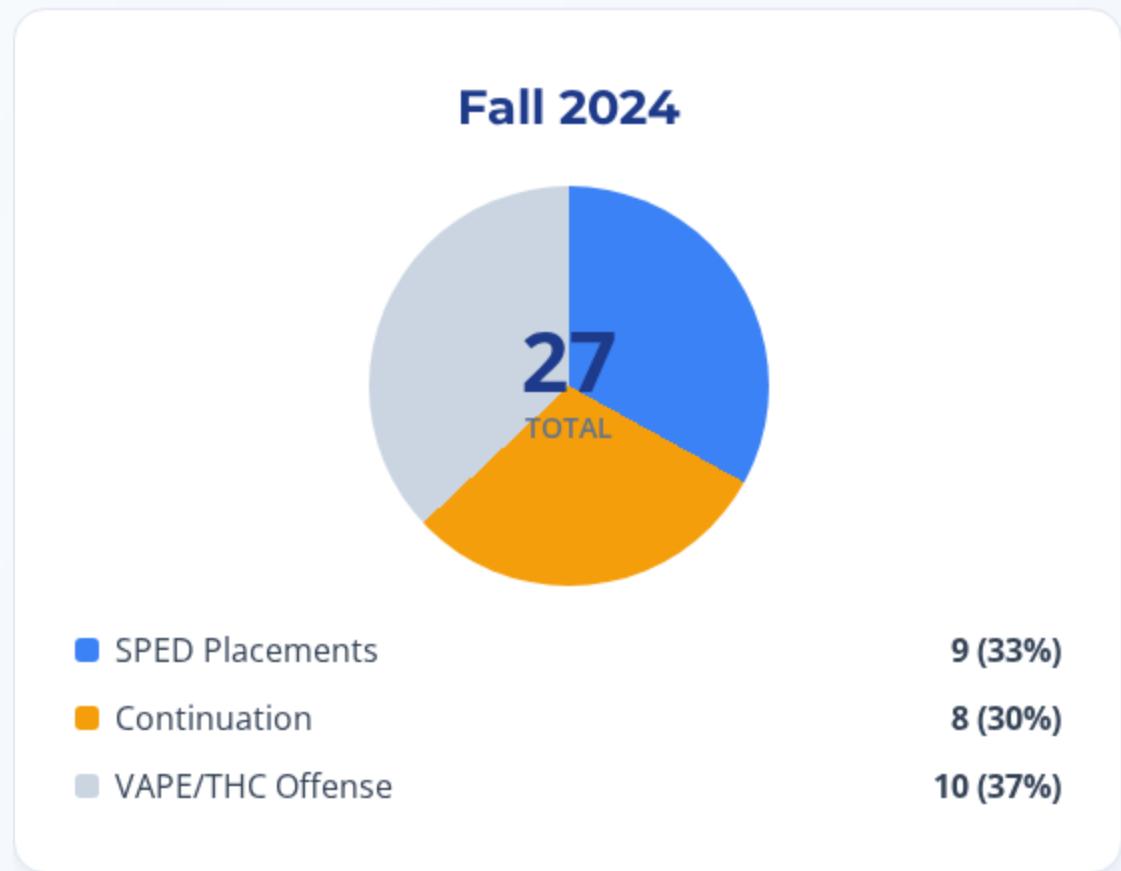
Accelerated learning pathway for credit recovery and graduation readiness, preparing students for their next chapter.

DAEP: Behavioral & Academic Continuity

- **Restorative Focus:** We utilize restorative practices to help students understand the impact of their actions and develop better decision-making skills.
- **Academic Alignment:** Students follow their home campus curriculum to ensure they do not fall behind during placement.
- **Transition Planning:** A structured reintegration plan is created for every student to support a successful return to their home campus.



DAEP Placements: Fall '24 vs. Fall '25



PAWS: Social-Emotional Supports



Providing a Safe Harbor

The PAWS program is designed for students who experience significant barriers in a traditional setting due to anxiety, sensory processing needs, or social challenges.

★ Student Success Spotlight

We are proud to announce **2 graduates** from our PAWS program! They have successfully connected with the TWC (Texas Workforce Commission) and will begin on-the-job training later this spring.

Key Components:

- Low-stimulus, highly supportive environment.
- Integrated SEL curriculum and coping strategy instruction.

Panther Academy

Panther Academy serves students who are credit deficient or motivated to accelerate their graduation timeline to enter the workforce or college sooner.

Student Success Spotlight (25/26)

6 Students have already graduated from VAHS via the Panther Academy!

Students have earned almost **50 credits** within the online learning program, and we anticipate continued success within this learning opportunity.

Program Highlights:

- Self-paced, competency-based modules.
- Individualized Graduation Plans (IGPs).
- Workforce transition support and career readiness.



QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your partnership in student
success.

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