

# The Area Learning Center and Academic Excellence On-Line: an overview

Total Students: 2,157 as of 3.29.22TH

ALC seat-based: 157 students enrolled thus far.

ALC Independent Study & Credit Recovery: 546 students (year long)

1. Capital improvements have been well-received by our students and staff. We are working through logistics and problem solving as we go.
2. The need for credit recovery is growing. This is a direct result of the pandemic. Failures for 14 and 15 year olds continues to be an issue.

School Within a School: 369 students

1. Middle School: offered at each MS site and grade level
2. High School: offered at each HS site for grades 9th & 10th

Summer School: 227 students

1. Seat-Based Program

AEO full or part-time enrollments: 857 students

1. Average course load for students has more than doubled since the pandemic.
2. Enrollment has surpassed what it was pre-pandemic.
3. We have continued to see enrollment gains without marketing.
4. The number of On-Line providers in Minnesota has doubled from 32 to 64 the last 2 years.
5. The need for flexibility and options is not going away for our students and families.

Partnerships & Grant Opportunity

Loss of hope, chemical dependency, mental health, and life sometimes inhibit success of our students in ISD 709. We want to be the light for students so that they know we care and that we didn't give up hope in them. We will find out in the middle of April if we receive a 500K grant to expand rigorous CTE coursework in partnership with Lake Superior College.

Budget

Immediate Needs for the district: Convert PEAK to Canvas using one-time dollars (ESSER) for continuum of educational programming to maximize student credits. Classroom, summer school, independent study/credit recovery, to ALC seat-based.

## Phase 2: Outcomes, Timelines & PDSA Cycles of Continuous Improvement

<b>ACTIONS</b> (What actions will be needed to implement?)	<b>Persons responsible</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Timelines</b>	<b>Desired &amp; Measurable Outcomes</b>
<b>Plan:</b> Develop ALC/AEO Program Evaluation Process for SWS, including listening sessions from stakeholder groups (in-progress)	<b>ISD 709 staff:</b> Counselors, building administrators, CTE, secretaries, teaching staff, TLE  <b>Community Partnerships:</b> Essentia, Cirrus, Life House, Yes Duluth, ABE, APEX, Duluth Workforce Development  <b>Area Schools:</b> Hermantown, Proctor, Lake Superior College, Wrenshall, Harbor City, Two Harbors  <b>Student &amp; Families:</b> Referral based	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	Ordean East 3.15.22  Denfeld 3.22.22  East TBD  Lincoln Park 3.29.22	<a href="#">Program Evaluation</a> -Stakeholder Feedback
<b>Do: TBD</b>				
<b>Study: TBD</b>				
<b>Act: TBD</b>				

