

The Alternative Education Institute (AEI) program is a comprehensive educational program delivered in a non-traditional learning environment to help youth with parental consent between the ages of 16 – 17 and adults earn their New Jersey State High School Equivalency Diploma. Upon completion, the AEI program will continue to assist its students with entrance into post-secondary education, trade school and/or employment.

Our Mission and Vision

The Mission of the Alternative Education Institute (AEI) is to provide alternative educational opportunities for our students to achieve their highest potential, by acquiring the needed academic and self-sufficiency skills, to be able to further their education, have greater career opportunities and enhance their quality of life.

The Vision of the Alternative Education Institute (AEI) program is based on the principle that students of all ages, through the effectiveness of life-long learning, will become better prepared for the future by becoming self-sufficient community members.



Who We Are

There are two major components in the AEI program: Academics and Life Skills.

The Academic component focuses on providing students with the skills needed in the following four subject areas: Language Arts (Reading/Writing), Math, Science and Social Studies.

The Life Skills component focuses on exposing and teaching our students the skills necessary to overcome the challenges of everyday life. These skills include but are not limited to goal setting, leadership and civics, computer literacy, work readiness and college readiness.

Lastly, students will be able to meet with our AEI Case Manager to develop a transitional career plan. In having this additional resource, our students will be able to create an action plan that is designed to meet their personalized needs and goals. With the support of all AEI staff, our students will be able to achieve academic success and become self-sufficient.

Our Educational Services

Eligibility Requirements:

Must be at least 16 years old with parental consent.

Must not be enrolled in school or any other educational program/school district/institute.

Must live in Middlesex County, New Jersey

Must be able to provide valid documentation (NJ) state identification, income, and address verification.

Must be able to commit to our 6-month educational program.

All **English** students must commit to meeting once a week every Wednesday evening (virtually) from 5-6pm.

All Spanish students must commit to meeting once a week every Saturday morning, either in person or virtually from 9:00am-12:00pm. (This program is only open to applicants who can speak, read, and write in Spanish.)

If you're interested in applying, please click below and complete the google form and someone will be in contact with you within 12 hours.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hfuhVrsr-aN_pvakLqPYSe8brPDmzSX7c-c2cBbZ0lM/edit

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