

School-Wide Educational Service Plan

As required by the changes in laws regarding suspension and expulsion, this plan must be offered to students/families if a student is being suspended for 10 or more consecutive days of school, up to and including expulsion. These laws went into effect on July 1, 2014.

If a student is suspended for ten days or more consecutively, LHS will work with the student and family to identify opportunities for the student to make academic progress. LPS collaborates with the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) to ensure that students are offered an opportunity that is appropriate for them, depending on the severity of the student behavior and the individual needs of the student. Programs considered by LHS will include the following:

Transitional Alternative Program (TAP) – For students suspended for more than 10 consecutive days but less than 90 days. Academic work is given and corrected by LHS teachers. LPVEC teachers will work, support and supervise students during this suspension. Program is located on the Main Campus of LPVEC, 172 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, MA.

Brush Hill Academy – Also located on the main LPVEC campus in West Springfield, this placement is more appropriate for students who are serving long-term suspensions – usually 45 days or more. This also could be an option for an expelled student. LPVEC teachers provide the work and teach the classes.

The TWAIN School – A long term academic and therapeutic option that, depending on the duration of the suspension or expulsion, as well as the needs of the student, may be offered to students. Therapy and counseling is a daily component of this curriculum and TWAIN teachers provide the work and teach the classes. This campus is located in West Springfield on 72 Front Street.

Mill Pond School – Offers both a short and long term option for students with learning and/or behavioral issues. Located at 91 Old Acre Road, Springfield, MA.

Educere Online Courses – This is an online educational company LHS utilizes for credit recovery opportunities and could also be used to allow for a student to make progress during the period of a long term suspension.

Other options may be added to this plan in the future.

Please know that the alternative schools we work with reserve the right to say no to a request for placement.

Parents/guardians with questions can contact an LHS Administrator.