



Dear Canton Public School District's Families and Friends,

It is our honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 – 2025 school year! We hope you all have had a relaxing and exciting summer break. We are extremely proud to serve as coordinators of the High School Equivalency Program. As we can all attest, the last few years have been challenging, but this program is designed to bridge the gap caused by life's challenges and unforeseen circumstances. Students at the High School Equivalency Program will understand that there are several paths to become successful. It is our goal to ensure that these ***Champions*** will have opportunities to explore careers, colleges, and technical programs.

Our dedicated staff has been working tirelessly to finalize classes and schedules, fine-tune our instructional models, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations. These practices will contribute to the goal of fostering academic success. Our staff is eager to meet their students and begin this year's journey with them. Our primary purpose is to confirm that our students successfully obtained their General Education Diploma. Upon completion of the program, students will have a clear path to their next steps in life. They will have a clear understanding that they are all champions in our eyes because they decided that giving up is not an option. Below will be our daily affirmation. Please join us as we encourage all our students to become ***Champions***:

Sincerely,

Monica L. McGhee and Octavian Davis, Program Coordinators



## *ON BEING A CHAMPION*

*A champion is a winner, A hero...*

*Someone who never gives up even when the going gets rough.*

*A champion is a member of A winning team...*

*Someone who overcomes challenges even when it requires creative solutions*

*A champion is an optimist. A hopeful spirit...*

*Someone who plays the game, even when the game is called life...*

*Especially when the game is called life.*

*There can be a champion in each of us,*

*If we live as a winner, If we live as a member of the team,*

*If we live with a hopeful spirit, For life.*

*by Mattie Stepanek*



## **Canton Public School District High School Equivalency Program**

### **Mission Statement:**

Canton Public School District's High School Equivalency Program, in partnership with its parents, teachers, students, and community, seeks to provide individualized instruction that caters to the college and career readiness needs of all students.

### **Vision Statement:**

Our vision is to provide a nurturing and safe environment where students can successfully complete their secondary academic experience while working towards personal, academic, and career goals.

### **MOTTO:**

**Harnessing**

**Students'**

**Excellence and**

**Potential**

### **Goals:**

1. 70% of the enrollees will successfully complete HSEP.
2. 70% of students will enter post secondary studies or the workforce.
3. 100% of students will be informed about the college/FAFSA application process.
4. Cultivate

partnerships with all stakeholders.



## **CARS – STUDENT DRIVERS**

### **DRIVING AND PARKING REGULATIONS**

Once on the campus, students are asked to park their cars and proceed directly to the building. Students are not to sit in cars or be in the parking lot at any time other than the time upon arriving and departing. Extreme caution should be exercised at all times. Fast or reckless driving will not be allowed. Drives around the schools are considered to be an extension of the school's parking lots.

1. Students will **NOT** have to purchase a parking permit to drive his or her vehicle on campus.
2. Students must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance; and they must park in his/her designated area; failure to do so will result in being towed at the owner's expense.
3. Driving privileges will be revoked for any student who is tardy three (3) or more times during the nine weeks grading period in which the infraction occurred.
4. All student drivers and his/her vehicles are subject to be searched.
5. Any student driver who fails to stop for the security officer will be recommended for expulsion.
6. Any parent or guardian who brings his/her child to school late three times during a nine week grading period will conference with the program coordinators before their child can be admitted to class. If the tardiness continues, the parent will be reported to the school attendance officer.

### **MOTOR BIKES and MOTOR SCOOTERS**

It is a violation of the law to drive a motor scooter or motorbike without a driver's license.



## ATTENDANCE

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, TARDINESS, AND EXCUSES

Regular school attendance and promptness are extremely important matters to the Canton Public School District. Time on task is essential if students are to succeed in their educational efforts. The right to attend public school requires responsibility of both parents and students for school attendance each day. Tardiness, absences, dismissals, and suspensions are all problems that require action by school officials because each of these results in a loss of instructional time. The student must be present 63% of the school day to be considered present for the school day.

Furthermore, HSEP students are required to log a minimum of 15 academic hours per week and 27 total CTE hours to successfully complete the program. If students have absences, they are required to make up the deficient hours within a week. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program. They will **NOT** be eligible to return to the High School Equivalency Program.

Please refer to the district's discipline program.