

The Missouri Division of Youth Services has formed Missouri Star School Program through a partnership with LINC. This blended learning approach provides a personalized educational experience by connecting technology to learning, career, community, and family.

## **Program building blocks**

**DYS Continuum of Services** 

Positive Youth Development

Invitational Education Model

## **Highly Qualified Teachers**



- Develop learning plans, teach new material, check for understanding, assign grades.
- Teachers contact students primarily using online communication tools, text and phone.
- Grade level and content specific teachers for each course

### **Learning Coach**



- Lives in same community as student, interested in their success, helps keep student goal-oriented
- Learning Coaches visit students regularly

### **Community Connection**



- Partner with local schools, treatment providers, and support services to address student needs.
- Encourage student positive involvement in the community.

Online learning is any time a student learns at least in part at a supervised brick-and-mortar location away from home with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace. (Innosight Institute)





Certified Staff











Control





Local Support

# Our Results (Since Inception FY2013)





96 **Earned Diploma** or Equivalency



Returned to Public or Post-Secondary School



Withdrawn due to non-participation





Other (Unknown, absconded <sup>1</sup>, return to care, formally withdrawn, referral to day program)





5 Months Average Length

of Enrollment







Missouri Star School utilizes G Suite for Education and a variety of other educational tools with a curriculm based on individual students needs.

# **Students Served and Outcomes**

	Students Served	Received Diploma or Equivalency	Return to School
FY2019	122	12	16
FY2018	104	11	<b>27</b>
FY2017	110	14	16
FY2016	112	11	23
FY2015	93	14	<b>17</b>
FY2014	92	19	23

Ages Served 13-21+



#### What We Provide

Missouri Star School Program is a no-cost program to families and students.

Our courses are taught by grade-level and content area certified teachers.

Teachers communicate regularly with students about their personalized study plans and lessons.

A wide-spectrum curriculum helps students earn credits for a high school diploma, certificate of high school equivalence, and/or National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

Volunteer learning coaches provide a human connection through personal support, guidance, encouragement, and sometimes tutoring.

Local organizations, employers and other public settings often provide students with computer access to web-based applications.





### **Our Students**

Missouri Star School Program students are typically high-school aged or about to complete eighth grade.

Education goals of students may be short- or long-term.

Missouri Star School Program provides a way to fulfill secondary education requirements earning credits toward graduation or preparing for the HiSET (equivalence diploma).

Students are permitted to continue in the program after they are discharged from supervision.

Students do not age out of enrollment eligibility as long as they are progressing.

When an IEP student returns to their home district (LEA), Missouri Star School Program can partner with the district's IEP team to provide regular education support.

## **Other Agency Referrals**

The Missouri Star School Program was developed to target the needs of the DYS population.

Other court-involved youth can be a part of the program's service population.

Missouri Star School Program provides a staff, structure, and philosophy that are equipped to address the needs of other court-involved students.

### **Contact Us**

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Missouri Star School Program addresses the education needs of court-involved Missouri students who cannot, or do not, return to their home school during or after treatment services due to:

- Safe School violation
- Long-term suspension
- Treatment team decision

In 2011, DYS partnered with the Local Investment Commission (LINC). Until the Missouri Star School Program was established, the only means DYS had for delivering education services to students with limited alternatives was to retain them in a residential or a community resource center.

Missouri Star School Program is recognized as an educational option by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

