

NEBRASKA'S SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS

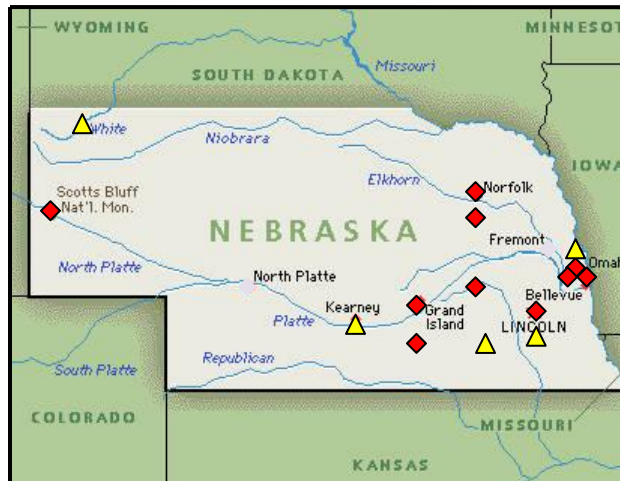
There are five Special Purpose Schools accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education through *Rule 10: Regulations and Procedures for Accreditation of Schools*.

- **Geneva North School** is located at the State-operated Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) in Geneva. This facility serves female State wards, under 19 years of age, who have been adjudicated for delinquency in Juvenile Court.
- **Kearney West High School** is located at the State-operated YRTC in Kearney. This facility serves male State wards, under 19 years of age, who have been adjudicated for delinquency in Juvenile Court.
- **Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' NCYF Community High School** is based at the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (NCYF) in Omaha. Its students are primarily felons, under 22 years of age, who have been convicted as adults in criminal court and sentenced to prison.
- **Pine Ridge Job Corps Center**, operated by the United States Department of Labor and United States Forest Service, provides a Special Purpose School for youth participating in its career technical training and education program in Chadron.
- Unlike the other Special Purpose Schools, the **University of Nebraska's Independent Study High School**, based on the Lincoln campus, is non-residential and provides a wide variety of online classes to students throughout the United States as well as other countries worldwide.

Special Purpose Schools have the same authority and responsibilities as public schools under *Rule 10*, including awarding academic credits and high school diplomas.

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NEBRASKA'S INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS



- ◆ Locations with Interim-Program Schools
- ▲ Locations with Special Purpose Schools

INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS LISTING

A listing of these schools is available on the Nebraska Department of Education website and the *Partnering4Students* website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov>
<http://www.partnering4students.org>

SCHOOL TRANSITION CHECKLIST AND SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL TRANSITION RESOURCES

A *School Transition Checklist, Sample Transition Processes and Road Map to Successful Transition for Students* is available on the *Partnering4Students* website:

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*NDE Committee on Education of
Students in Out-of-Home Placements*

STUDENTS IN INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS

On any given day, there are approximately 1,250 children and youth attending Interim-Program Schools and Special Purpose Schools throughout Nebraska. These students undergo multiple transitions, including changes in residential placement, school and legal status. The majority are involved in the child welfare, juvenile justice and/or criminal justice systems, with a significant portion being State wards. Many have behavioral and mental health diagnoses. Substance abuse may also be evident.

A student's length of stay in an Interim-Program School or Special Purpose School may range from a few days in an emergency shelter or juvenile detention center, to several months in a longer-term residential care or treatment program, to years in an adult prison.

Each Special Purpose School and most Interim-Program Schools have students originating from many different public school districts. For some students, minimal school engagement, truancy, school suspension, expulsion or dropping out have been common and re-occurring themes. There is also a significant incidence of students with disabilities who receive special education and related services.

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

All State-approved and accredited schools in Nebraska must provide students with the opportunity to learn through a curriculum that meets State academic standards. Many students attending Interim-Program Schools and Special Purpose Schools make significant academic progress while in these settings. The transfer and acceptance of academic credits earned in those classrooms by the receiving public school is critical to students' continued grade progression and eventual graduation. Another important factor in promoting and sustaining school enrollment, continued attendance and academic achievement is ongoing support and coordination from the primary systems involved throughout the student's transition to public school or other education program.

NEBRASKA'S INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS

Across the state of Nebraska, there are currently eighteen Interim-Program Schools located in juvenile detention facilities, emergency shelters, institutions and other residential programs that provide temporary 24-hour custodial care for children and youth under 19 years of age.

Interim-Program Schools are annually approved by the Nebraska Department of Education through *Rule 18: Interim-Program Schools in County Detention Homes, Institutions, and Juvenile Emergency Shelters*. They provide continuity of instruction for students who are in out-of-home care and cannot attend public school for reasons of health or safety.

Students in "Rule 18 Schools" remain in membership and on the attendance rolls of their school district of residence. Through consultation and development of an *Academic Advancement Plan* for each child or youth, the Interim-Program School and home school district work together to assist the student in achieving his or her academic and vocational goals. While Interim-Program Schools do not directly award academic credits or high school diplomas, students do receive credit for school work completed while in those settings from the public school where they will return or transfer.

INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS IN JUVENILE DETENTION AND STAFF SECURE FACILITIES

- **Douglas County Youth Center**
County-operated juvenile detention/staff secure facility in Omaha.
- **Lancaster County Youth Services Center - Pathfinder Education Program**
County-operated juvenile detention/staff secure facility, with the *Pathfinder Education Program* operated by Lincoln Public Schools.
- **Patrick J. Thomas Juvenile Justice Center**
County-operated staff secure facility in Papillion.
- **Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc.**
Multi-county, privately-operated juvenile detention /staff secure facility in Madison.
- **Scotts Bluff County Juvenile Detention Center – Panhandle Area Core Educational School (PACES)**
County-operated juvenile detention facility in Gering, with the *PACES* operated by Educational Service Unit (ESU) #13.

INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS IN SHELTERS

- **Boys Town Intervention and Assessment Shelter**
Privately-operated juvenile emergency shelter located in Grand Island.

INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

- **Alegent/Immanuel Hospital - Residential Treatment Center School**
Privately-operated psychiatric residential treatment program located within a hospital setting in Omaha.
- **Boys Town Intervention and Assessment Home**
Privately-operated intervention and assessment program for juvenile offenders located in Boys Town.
- **Boys Town PRTF East and West**
Privately-operated psychiatric residential treatment facilities located in Boys Town.
- **Child Guidance Center - Residential Treatment Center (RTC) School**
Privately-operated therapeutic group home, with the RTC School operated by Lincoln Public Schools.
- **Envisions of Norfolk, Inc. – Level III School**
A "mini group home", with a Level III School for students with developmental disabilities in Norfolk.
- **Epworth Village, Inc. Learning Center**
Privately-operated psychiatric residential treatment facility and therapeutic group home in York.
- **Hastings Regional Center - Nebraska Youth Academy**
State-operated juvenile substance abuse treatment program located at the Hastings Regional Center.
- **Heartland Family Service – Youth Links**
Privately-operated group home for juvenile offenders in Omaha.
- **Journeys Alternatives Academy**
Privately-operated juvenile substance abuse treatment program in Omaha.
- **Morton School – White Hall Campus**
State-operated psychiatric residential treatment program in Lincoln.
- **NOVA Treatment Center - Alternative School**
Privately-operated juvenile substance abuse treatment program in Omaha.