



## Our Mission

The Bergenfield Alternative School is committed to providing students with the opportunity to succeed in a supportive, yet challenging, educational environment that meets the individual needs of every child. With our low student-teacher ratio, instructors are better able to identify the learning needs of students and effectively develop personalized strategies for success.

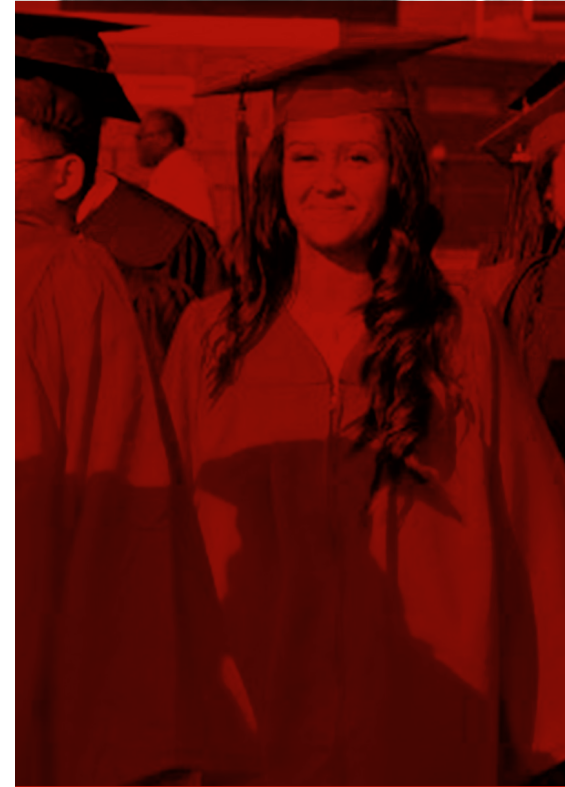


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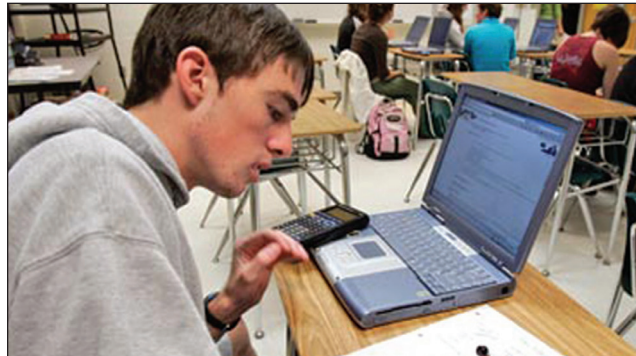


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## 21st Century Curriculum

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Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the Alternative School implemented the APEX Learning System—a curriculum offering rigorous, standards-based coursework in math, science, English, social studies, world language, and electives that meet graduation requirements. APEX provides a complete course of study that covers the core standards, achieves depth of instruction, and integrates formative and summative assessments. Utilizing a “blended-learning” approach, students receive personalized, one-on-one instruction from our faculty, while engaging in a proven, digital curriculum, delivered through an online interface. This approach blends traditional, in-class instruction with state-of-the-art technology in order to better prepare our students for the 21 century. The APEX Learning Program engages students in active learning to develop critical thinking skills and ensures college and career readiness.



## Individualized Programming

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Within the early weeks of the school year, each student, along with his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), will have the opportunity to meet with the Program Director, School Social Worker and Guidance Counselor to review and complete an Individualized Program Plan (IPP). The purpose of the IPP is to establish the individual academic goals for each learner. This year we are excited to introduce the Student Individualized Point Plan (SIPP), a positive incentive program, which promotes academic performance, improved attendance, self-discipline, and fosters appropriate social behavior.

## Work Study Program

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Students wishing to get ahead in the employment market may want to take advantage of our “work-study” program. The Bergenfield Alternative School’s Work Study Program is a curriculum track specifically tailored to the individual student, which aligns with the school’s community service requirement, and also provides support through the college application and job placement processes.

## Credit Recovery

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Students at the Alternative School also have access to credit recovery as needed. With the ability to regain standing through our specialized recovery program, students can get back on track toward graduation.



## Built for Success

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Our faculty and staff are highly adept at meeting the differing needs of each learner. A low student-teacher ratio allows students to receive individualized instruction in core academic areas to enhance learning. Structured support services are also in place to make sure that students balance the academic, social, and emotional components of their school day. Our high school guidance counselors make periodic, scheduled visits to the Alternative School to meet with their students as they track the academic progress of each individual. For those with focused counseling needs, the school has teamed with Vantage Health to provide a Social Worker. The district also provides learners with a Student Assistance Counselor one day a week. Last year, 23 of 25 (92%) of the seniors who attended the Alternative School were able to graduate on time.