

Learning More

If you feel as though the Pathways Program, or any other alternative learning option, might be a good fit for your child, a student in your school, or a student that you know, there are a few ways to get more information:

1. Talk to the Program Administrator

Pathways Program, 6-7

- Ms. Jen Grove, 651-385-4555, jpgrove@rwps.org

Pathways Program, 8-9 and 10-12

-Ms. Maggie Helwag, 651-388-4441,
mhelwig@gced.k12.mn.us

Cannon Falls Alternative High School

-Mr. Tim Hodges, 507-263-6800 x1421,
hodges.tim@cf.k12.mn.us

Tower View Alternative High School

-Dr. Beth Borgen, 651-385-4500,
bmborgen@rwps.org

2. Take a Tour

Anyone is always welcome to take a tour of any available alternative learning option facility and meet the program staff. Please contact the program administrator (listed above) to arrange a tour.

3. Observe a Class

Anyone is always welcome to observe a class session to learn more about what these programs look like on a day-to-day basis.

Referral/Enrollment Process

It is important to note that the Pathways Program needs to be a good fit for the student and the student needs to be a good fit for the Pathways Program.

Students, family members, and/or school personnel interested in referring a student should complete a Pathways Program referral form* and send it to the GCED Coordinator of Alternative Programs (see contact information below). Once the Coordinator of Alternative Programs receives the referral, follow-up communication will be provided and subsequent next steps will be identified.

**Note: Pathways Program referrals can be obtained by contacting the program administrator (see previous listing in brochure) or by contacting the GCED Coordinator of Alternative Programs, Brian Cashman, at:*

bcashman@gced.k12.mn.us
651-388-4441



Pathways Program

Sponsored by the Goodhue County Education District (GCED), the Pathways Program is an innovative and unique learning option for students in grades 6-12.





Key Information

- The Pathways Program is a Goodhue County Education District (GCED)-sponsored Area Learning Center (ALC) program for students in grades 6 through 12.
- The purpose of the Pathways Program is to provide middle and high school students an alternative learning option.
- The Pathways Program strives to offer truly innovative and unique programming to support student engagement, learning, and success.
- Any student, who qualifies as ‘at-risk’ and is enrolled in one of the following school districts, can attend the Pathways Program:
 - Cannon Falls
 - Goodhue
 - Kenyon-Wanamingo
 - Red Wing
 - Zumbrota-Mazeppa
- The Pathways Program has three grade groupings: 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12. The 6-7 program is housed at Twin Bluff Middle School in Red Wing. The 8-9 and 10-12 program is housed in the River Bluff Education Center, also located in Red Wing.

Key Information (Cont.)

- Transportation to and from the Pathways Program is provided free of charge to any student enrolled in a GCED member school.
- Students can apply for enrollment into the Pathways Program at any time of the year. Students in the Pathways Program can request to return to their home school at any time of the year as well.

Additional Schooling Options

In addition to the Pathways Program, other alternative learning options are available to students in GCED-member school districts.

These include:

- Targeted Services (before-school, after-school, and/or summer enrichment) for students in grades K-5;
- Cannon Falls Alternative High School (for students in grades 9-12);
- Tower View Alternative High School (for students ages 16-21);
- Credit Recovery for high school students in Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Red Wing, and Zumbrota-Mazeppa.

Program Snapshots

Pathways Program, 6-7

- Located at Twin Bluff Middle School in Red Wing;
- ‘School-within-school’ model, students spend 50% of their day in the Pathways Program and 50% of their day with their general education peers;
- Features include a 90 minute literacy instructional block, exploratory class experiences, study skills development, and hands-on learning;
- Pathways Program (6-7) students have a full-time teacher and access to support staff, including a counselor, social work staff, a school nurse, and a school psychologist.

Pathways Program 8-9 and 10-12

- Located at the River Bluff Education Center, in Red Wing;
- Students typically attend their full day of classes at the River Bluff Education Center;
- Small class size with an emphasis on project-based learning.

Cannon Falls Alternative High School

- Located at Cannon Falls High School;
- ‘School-within-a-school’ model, where students can spend part of their day in the alternative high school program and part of their day with their general education peers;
- Program includes opportunities for credit recovery, diverse class offerings, flexible scheduling, and on-line learning.

Tower View Alternative High School

- Located at the Anderson Center, in Red Wing;
- Small class size, with an emphasis on self-paced learning;
- Features work-based learning opportunities, college/career planning, school-wide events, and a personalized and supportive atmosphere.