New Direction High School

General Information

• New Direction is an alternative school of choice for Keller ISD.
• Students must apply and be accepted in order to enroll at New Direction.
• Students must be 16-21 years old to attend New Direction.
• It is a monitored-paced program, not self-paced. Students must earn at least 5 credits per year.
• It is an independent study program - good reading skills are essential.
• Students must make an 85 in each class to earn credit.
• Students must make a performance score of 85% or higher each week to remain in good standing. This is based on their behavior, attitude, and dedication in their classes.
• Students are assigned to two classes upon enrollment, one core and one elective. When they finish a course, they move on to another course immediately. They do not wait for the semester to end.
• Students are assigned to be in class 4 hours per day, either from p.m. 8:00 a.m. -12:00 or 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. However, students are allowed to attend all day (class size permitting). If students miss any of their assigned time, they are required to make it up to remain in good standing within a week.
• New Direction now offers foreign language and fine art classes to satisfy the requirements on the Recommended Graduation Plan.

How to Apply

• Students will voluntarily request an application from their CHS, KHS, FRHS, or TCHS counseling office. Applications are also available on the New Direction website.
• The application consists of 3 main parts: student section, parent section, and school counselor section. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION.
• Once complete, the counselor will send the application to New Direction.
• The application is received and reviewed. Approximately every 6-9 weeks, new students are admitted, depending on available space. Students will receive a letter stating a specific date and time to attend the mandatory informational meeting with Mrs. Cope, New Direction counselor. If you are unable to attend, you must reschedule BEFORE the date of the meeting.
A letter will then be mailed to the student to let them know if they have been accepted. The ultimate decision of whether a student will be admitted is up to a committee of New Direction staff members. If accepted, students will be provided with an enrollment date and a list of materials to bring for enrollment. If a student is receiving Special Education services, an ARD meeting must be held to determine whether the student can attend New Direction.

Please contact me with any questions:
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