

# The Alternatives to the Alternative

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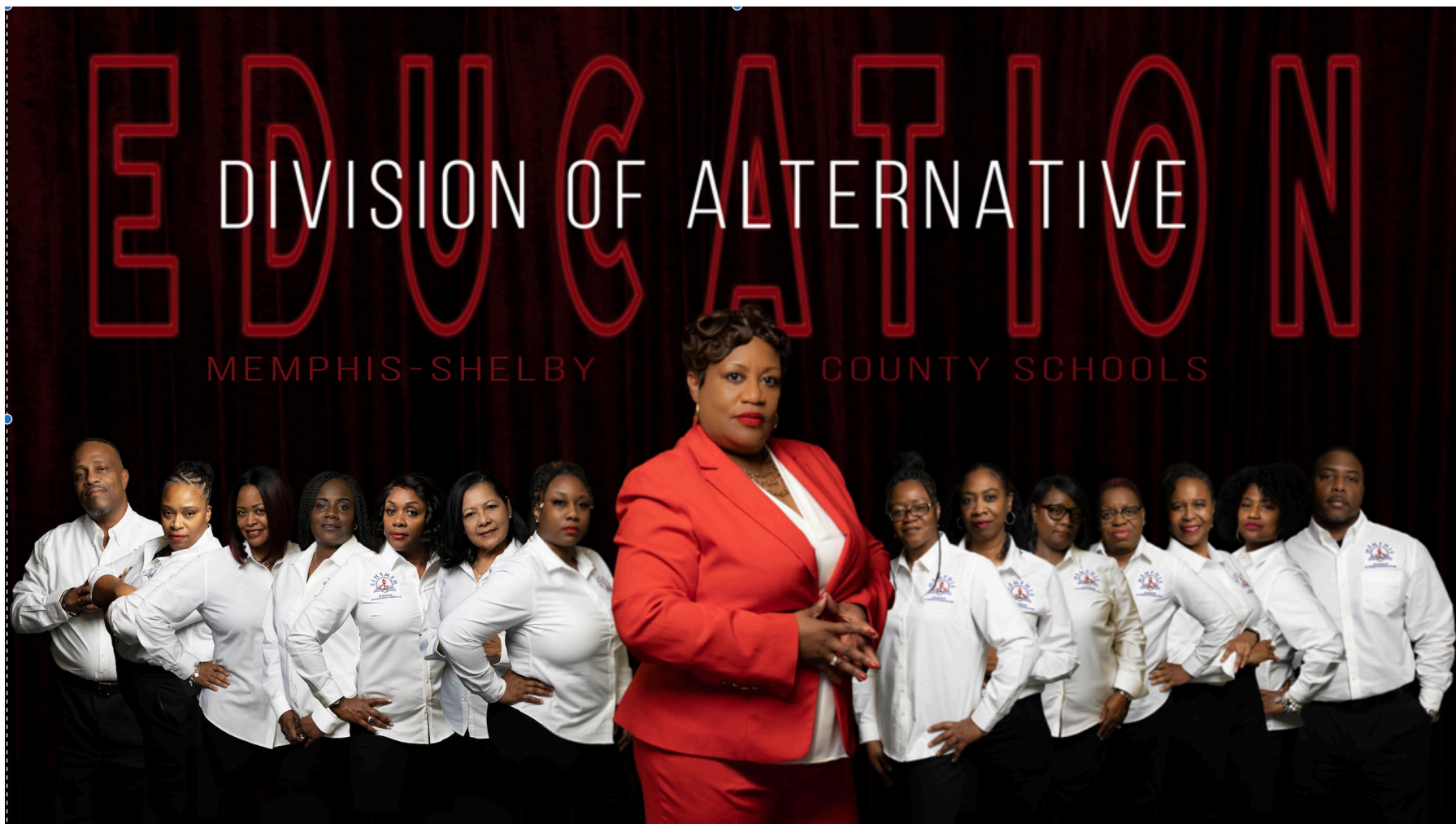
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# The Operations Team





# Ticket in the Door

- Have fun
- Take notes
- Ask questions
- Relax
- Connect with others
- Have more fun



# Warm up

- I need 2 team captains (Team A and Team B).
- Each team will need 10 participants.
- Team A will be able to talk.
- Team B will not be able to talk, no paper, writing utensils or phones. Only your hands to participate.



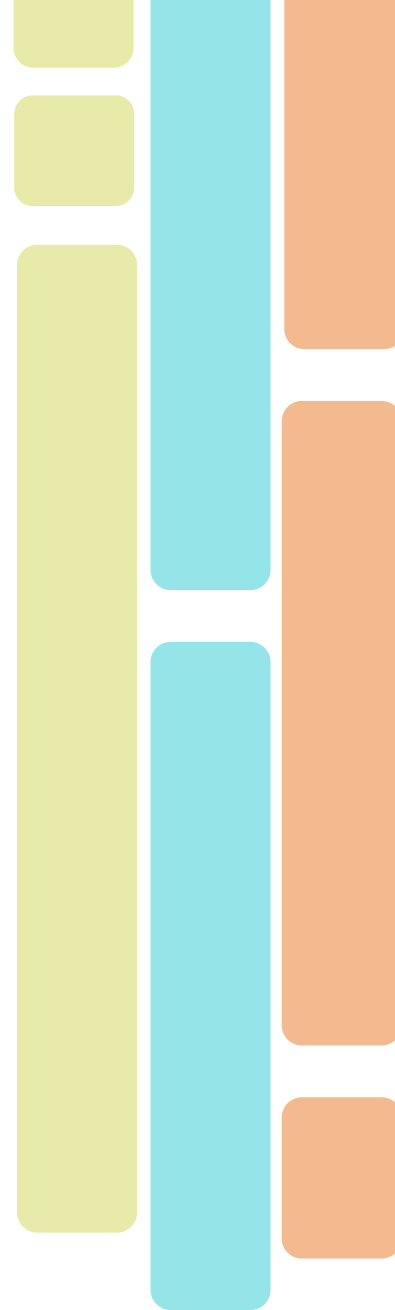
# Purpose

Participants will learn and explore the various alternative education programs offered by the Division of Alternative Education in Memphis Shelby County Schools.

The session will allow each participant to discover diverse approaches to student engagement, graduation rate, and dropout prevention while sharing experiences as we all reimagine alternative education together.

# Program Offerings

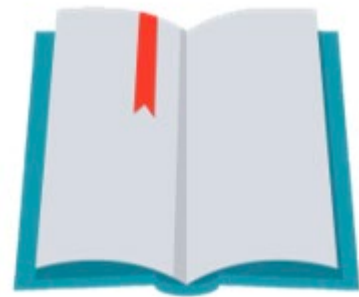
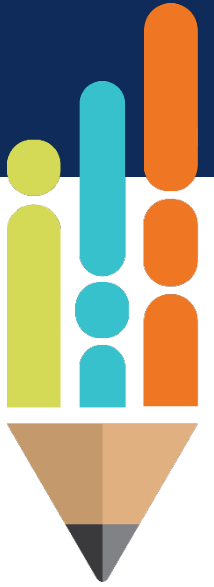
- Traditional Alternative Programs
- Success School Programs
- Overage For Grade Program
- Newcomer International Program (NIC)
- Incarcerated Youth Program
- Youth Advocacy Program





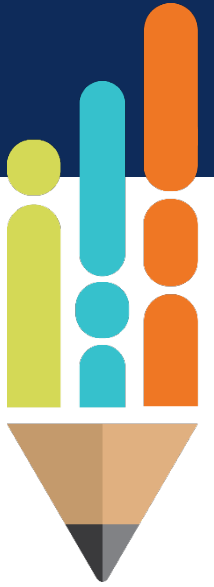
# Traditional Alternative Programs

- Students are referred by the homeschool for 11 – 180 days
- The homeschool completes the data in a separate database dashboard
- The operations team initiates the documentation
- The students are assigned a placement
- Parents are notified of the placement
- Each school has orientation every Tuesday and Thursday
- Emphasis on Satisfactory Student Attendance
- Individualized Student Success Plan
- Alternative Education Specialists with complete Mental Health Team



# Success Schools Programs

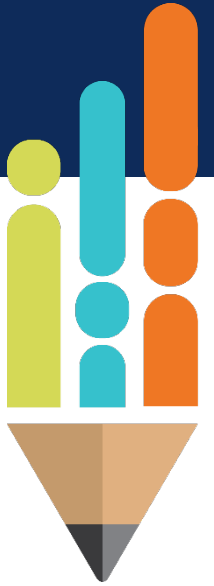
- The Success School Intervention Model is an award winning and nationally recognized educational alternative to the traditional school.
- Serves a dual purpose by serving students who are experiencing academic as well as behavioral challenges in the traditional school setting.
- Success Schools focus on educating the whole child by providing smaller non-punitive learning communities; creating schools within schools.
- We believe every child is a diamond in the making.





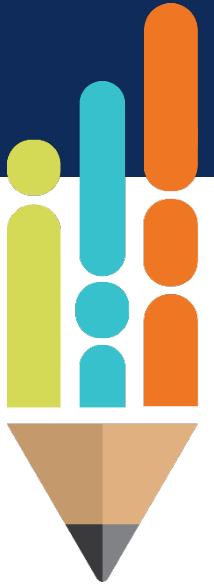
# Overage for Grade Programs Prep Schools

- Serve Overage for grade High School students that are two or more years behind
- Offer innovative, rich, rigorous, and engaging programs designed to address the individual academic and developmental needs of students.
- Extended-day
- Block schedule that allows high schools students to earn more credits than traditional schools
- Our instructional program includes on-line courses, and dual enrollment.
- There are opportunities for students to graduate high school on time.
- Increase the graduation rate.
- Prepares students for entering the work force after graduation.



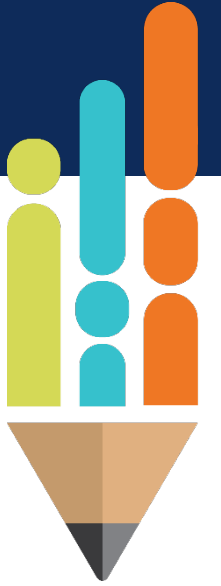
# Newcomer International Center (NIC) Programs

- Two-year, Intensive English program for new-to-country students of high school age who have had interruptions in their formal education
- Students entering the 9th grade.
- NIC's specialized program allows students to gain literacy and numeracy skills while earning graduation credits in core subjects.
- The goal of NIC is to help students gain the skills they will need to be successful when they transition to a traditional high school setting.
- All NIC teachers specialize in both CONTENT and ESL
- NIC's coursework focuses on language acquisition through core content while earning elective and core content credits.



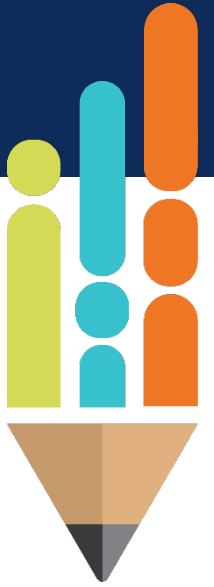
# Incarcerated Youth Programs

- Students who are detained
- Educate the students on a 180-day school calendar
- Shelby County Juvenile Court Youth Services Bureau
- Licensed/Certified Teachers
- Behavior Specialists
- Professional Guidance Counselor
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker



# Youth Advocacy Program

- Supports and advocates for teen parents, ensuring their comprehension needs are met while attending Memphis-Shelby County Schools.
- Supports teen mothers and fathers
- Provide childcare assistance
- Year-long teen parent programs
- Student parent support
- Dropout prevention
- Establish and strengthen community partnerships
- Establish school-based partnerships
- Assist teen parents with baby essentials



## M&M Challenge



- Select your 2 favorite M&M's.
- Place the M&M next to the color on your paper
- Select a partner and answer your first question (each will take a turn)
- Select another partner and answer your second question (each will take a turn)



# Thank You!

# Questions?

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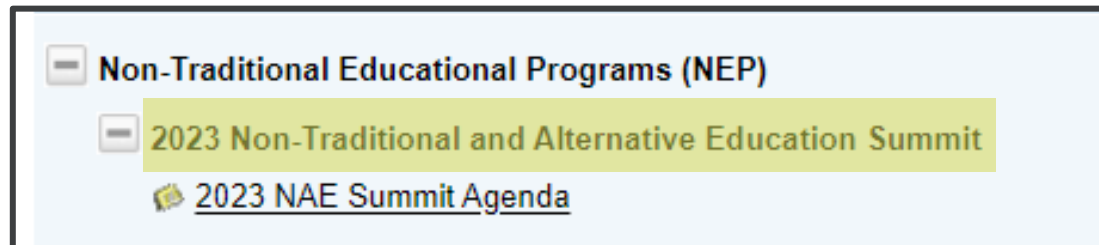


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