

## Circuit Breaker School Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What students does Circuit Breaker School serve?**

Circuit Breaker School is a public day school for LaSalle and Putnam Counties. We serve K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with either Emotional Disability or Other Health Impairment. All students must have been identified as having these disabilities.

### **2. What is the behavioral philosophy of Circuit Breaker School? How are the social and emotional needs of the students met?**

Circuit Breaker focuses on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Students receive daily instruction of school-wide behavioral expectations and social emotional skills. Students needing additional supports may receive small group or individualized supports. All staff at Circuit Breaker School receive ongoing training in Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention.

### **3. How is Circuit Breaker School different from the special education services at our home school district?**

Circuit Breaker School is a public day school serving only students with disabilities. We provide intensive daily instruction in both academics and social emotional skills.

### **4. What is the student to staff ratio at CBS? What are class sizes?**

The student to staff ratio at Circuit Breaker School is 4:1. The school has eight classrooms which can each serve up to ten students depending on student needs.

### **5. What are the entrance and exit criteria for CBS? Does CBS issues the credits and diploma or will those come from the home school district?**

School district representatives must complete the *Referring a Student* packet (also found on the LEASE website) for review by the team at Circuit Breaker School. Schools will be notified within a week of the referral if the student is appropriate for the program. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the school and may be observed in their current educational setting before placement.

Ongoing, current behavioral data is analyzed regularly to assess student progress at Circuit Breaker School. Once a student's individual data indicates consistent success, a meeting is held to discuss a transition to a lesser restrictive setting.

Credits, graduation requirements, and diplomas are given by the home school district with input from Circuit Breaker School staff.

**6. What services are available to students at CBS?**

All students are instructed using curriculum aligned to the common core for their grade level. Social emotional learning instruction occurs daily with the added support of two full-time social workers as appropriate. All students are served a hot breakfast and have constant access to fresh fruit and vegetables. Hot school lunches are available at no cost. Circuit Breaker School also provides yearly dental exams, nutrition education, and daily physical education.

**7. Can students participate in extra-curricular activities in the home school district?**

The IEP team and school administrations determine a student's ability to participate in extra-curricular activities at their home school on an individual student basis

**8. What academic opportunities are provided at CBS? Will CBS student have the same academics as the home school district? What technological opportunities are available at CBS?**

All academics at Circuit Breaker School are aligned to the common core and reflect those of their home districts. Staff consult regularly with the county public schools to ensure consistency of curricula. The school wide technology curriculum encompasses the use of the latest technological resources. All students have 1:1 access to chromebooks. High school students have credit recovery opportunities as necessary.

**9 How are parents involved at Circuit Breaker School?**

Parents are members of the IEP team and are involved in all decision making regarding education. Teachers have ongoing communication with parents involving student accomplishments and concerns. All academic and behavioral progress is shared with parents regularly. Several family events are offered to families throughout the year including an Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences.

**10 Who provides transportation to and from Circuit Breaker School? Can the student drive themselves to school?**

Home school districts are responsible for providing transportation for all students. Students are not allowed to drive themselves to school.