

Meet the Staff

Harbor Schedule:

Period 1: 8:45a-9:28a

Period 2: 9:36a-10:19a

Period 3: 10:24a-11:07a

Period 4: 11:12a-11:55a

Lunch: 11:55a-12:35p

*Crew: 12:35p-12:55p

Period 6: 12:55p-1:33p

Period 7: 1:38p-2:16p

Period 8: 2:21p-3:01p

Monday-Thursday: 8:45a-3:01p

Friday: 8:45a-11:55a

*SEP school district provides a Harbor bus that picks students up at their home. The Harbor bus runs in the mornings and Fridays after homework help.

Harbor students earn credits toward the traditional SEP diploma or the Alternative

Scott Belger: Harbor Administrator & Assistant Principal for Southeast Polk High school (scott.belger@southeastpolk.org)

Kelly Brinker: Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principals

Molly Brandhorst: Harbor School Counselor (molly.brandhorst@southeastpolk.org)

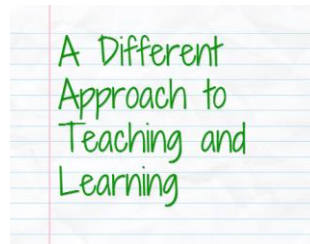
Dan Kline: Harbor English Teacher

Eric Hendrickson: Harbor Social Studies Teacher

Beth Krogh: Harbor Science Teacher

Miguel Badillo: Harbor Math Teacher

Questions?? Contact your counselor or the Harbor counselor



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Harbor Alternative

"If you're not willing to learn, no one can teach you. If you're determined to learn, no one can stop you"
-Unknown



Southeast Polk High School

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About the Harbor

What is The Harbor? The Harbor is the alternative program for the Southeast Polk Community School District. The Harbor was designed to accommodate students who, for a variety of reasons, have failed to experience success in the traditional school setting.

The student may not feel comfortable with traditional educational programming or they may be experiencing problem relationships in their homes, schools or communities.

The Harbor faculty works with individual students to identify their academic needs and provide emotional support in a small, safe, community environment. Class sizes are intentionally kept around ten students to allow teachers ample opportunity to work one-on-one with every student.

A unique feature of The Harbor is the Expeditionary Learning. The Harbor promotes rigorous academic standards and service to the school and community.

Learning expeditions are courses of study that are purposeful, extensive studies of a single topic. Expeditions revolve around challenging projects, fieldwork, adventure and service. They culminate in exhibits, performances or projects. Expeditions are often community-based. The expedition curriculum is integrated with district standards and benchmarks.

Harbor Attendance Expectation:

*Attendance is the key factor in academic success as well as in the workplace. Harbor staff has worked to develop a set of expectations to help students achieve success.

1. Each class period will have a “cap” of 10 absences per quarter.
2. All absences, excused or unexcused, will be considered the same. No excused absences.
3. If a student is sent out of the classroom for disruption/insubordination or for apathy, an absence will be recorded for that class period. A student may be sent home for the day at the discretion of Harbor staff for serious disruptions.
4. Parents will be expected to contact the school in the event the student is to be absent. If no call is made and the student is absent, a parent will be notified by the school.
5. Students and parent will be notified when total absences in a given class period is nearing the “cap.” Please check attendance in the Infinite Campus parent portal.
6. When student reaches the cap in a given class period he/she will be dropped from the class. If the cap is reached for all class periods, student schedule will be dropped completely until the next quarter. Credit recovery options will be explored.
7. Four tardies in a given class period will equal one absence. A student who is more than 10 minutes late to a class will be considered absent from that class.

Harbor Attendance Expectation continued...

8. Fridays will consist of an Academic Support session from 8:45am - 11:55am. There are no classes on Friday afternoon. Students who are absent from school one or more days Monday through Thursday of a given week will be expected to attend Academic Support on Friday. Students who attend school Mon-Thurs of a given week and are passing all classes will be excused from attending Academic Support that Friday. Harbor staff will call on Thursday to inform parents if their student should attend on Friday.

How to apply?

-Talk to your high school counselor and find out if The Harbor is right for you.

-Fill out an application

-Placed on waiting list based on age and number of credits.