

# Information for Outreach Alternate Secondary School Applicants

## 1. What We Offer:

- A regular MRSS high school diploma including math and science at essentials levels;
- A graduate program for students who have been out of school for a while, or have fallen behind;
- Part time hours that are somewhat flexible;
- The possibility to work at a part time job and still attend school;
- An opportunity to catch-up; a student could complete more than 8 courses in one year if they are motivated;
- Teacher led regular classroom courses;
- Limited number of courses at one time to allow for quick completion of a course;
- Self paced courses (on a very limited basis);
- Generally fewer students per classroom allowing for more direct teacher help;
- Usually a teacher available for one-on-one help;
- Easy accessibility to teachers.

## 2. Our Structure:

- Our approach is collegial, much like Adult Education. We want you to be here, but we don't chase you. If you wish to be successful, you will be here.
- We are open from 10:30am to 6:30pm, Monday through Thursday - there are no classes on Friday
- There are 3 semesters per year, each lasting 12 weeks. For example, courses started in September will be finished before Christmas.
- Students can take up to 4 courses per semester with teacher permission, thereby completing up to 12 courses in one year
- There is a common room/lounge available for students to relax, visit, chat, or get help on course work.

### **3. What We Expect:**

#### **Attendance:**

You must attend to be successful, courses move quickly; therefore, more than 3 absences and you may be removed from a course.

#### **Respect:**

- Respect teachers for students and students for teachers
- Respect for other students--no put-downs, threats, racism, homophobia, sexism etc.
- Fighting means automatic removal from the program.
- Respect for yourself - absolutely no drugs or alcohol at school
- Respect for outreach facilities--don't break things, draw on things; if you make a mess, clean it up!!

#### **Academics:**

Take advantage of the program!! Attend regularly, keep up to date on assignments, and do your homework. If you do these things, you will be successful!!

### **4. Application Process:**

- Phone for an appointment - 604-626-1382. Speak to either Hugh or Tim. You will be given an interview time and asked to bring any school records you have (old report cards, etc.) and a copy of your birth certificate if you are a new student to MRSS.
- You will need to fill out a registration form for MRSS and an application form for Outreach (you will be given these at the interview)
- You will be asked to write a 5 page autobiography as well as a short explanation of why you want to attend Outreach
- Upon acceptance into the program, payment the \$75 program fee expected. These fees will be used for field trips, guest speakers, food nights, Christmas dinner, barbecues, school supplies, sports equipment, etc.