

## HARTLAND LEGACY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

**Working to develop a community of learners who are prepared to live, work and contribute to an ever-changing society and world.**

### **What is LEGACY?**

**Let's Educate Graduate and Care for our Youth**

As LEGACY recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, its role in educating Hartland youth is changing. However, the program's primary focus – demonstrated by its acronym Let's Educate, Graduate and Care for our Youth – remains.

LEGACY offers students an alternative method by which to earn their high school diploma. Class sizes are small, with a 15 to 1 student/teacher ratio. Teachers are able to meet students' individual academic needs.



In addition to academics, LEGACY provides instruction in support in other key areas, including: healthy choices, parenting, substance abuse awareness and career planning.

The program boasts on-site counseling, group support, academic tutoring and planning for successful futures.

## Who attends LEGACY?

Students who attend LEGACY care about their education. They work hard at academics and choose to get involved in their school community and community-at-large. Some of the students are looking for a second chance or a different way to learn.



## When are classes?

Classes follow a traditional school calendar. Students attend on a daily, reduced-hour schedule. Time away from the classroom allows for greater involvement in career planning, work experience and community volunteerism. Correspondence classes provide non-traditional course options. Student responsibility initiatives are also part of the credit-earning process.

## Why ...

### A focus on the future?

Students are encouraged to identify strengths and interests. Educational Development Plans, career transition programs, school-to-work opportunities, work credit programs and career technical training complement a rigorous academic curriculum. Post-secondary education is emphasized through dual-enrollment programs that allow high school students to earn college credits. Financial aid services are available for two-year and four-year attendance and enrollment in certification training programs.

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### An individual approach?

LEGACY students represent a diverse community of learners. Curriculum is tailored to meet individual student needs. On-site tutoring is available and encouraged.

### A community emphasis?

Community involvement and leadership begins with our youth. Students are involved in community initiatives that benefit organizations such as: LACASA, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Humane Society, local food banks and The Connection, a youth homeless shelter.

## How is LEGACY changing?

LEGACY has implemented the same rigorous standards mandated for Michigan's traditional high schools. Our curriculum reflects not only the added rigor but also an added emphasis on literacy.

Instruction is provided in small-group settings by teachers who are highly-qualified and certified in all academic areas.



Expanded course offerings feature instruction in areas of fine arts, physical education, health and computer applications. Each is presented in a real-life, hands-on approach, promoting greater learning.

Well-rounded experiences include creation of a student newspaper, student council, scholarship committee, environmentally-based clubs, PTO, community involvement, school-to-work opportunities and preparation for higher education.

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**What the Students Say...**

**“LEGACY is a second chance most people never get.”**

**--Evan Kamilar**

**“Attending an alternative high school has taught me that there is always another option and no matter how horrible you feel, if you just believe in yourself, optimism will lead you to a successful future.”**

**--Katie McVey**

**“LEGACY is not a school for slackers, drug addicts or troubled students. LEGACY is another opportunity for the kids to get their high school diploma and succeed.”**

**--Aimee Burmeister**

**“This school is not made for bad kids, it’s made for kids who have made bad choices.”**

**--James Kaufman**

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