



PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc.[®]



Middle States Association
Fully Accredited



Model Program

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PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc., is a community-based, 501(c3) non-profit corporation approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Middle States Accredited, and designated as a Model Program for NDPC/N.

PHASE 4 Programs

Alternative Education (AEDY) – Serves at-risk students from grades 6-12

Best Buy Teen Tech Center/Clubhouse Network – Affiliated with Best Buy and the Clubhouse Network, provides an after-school technology program for underserved youth

Credit Recovery – Helps qualified students complete credits needed for promotion or graduation

Diploma Retrieval – Serves individuals who have withdrawn from school and choose to return in order to earn their high school diplomas

Google Digital Skills – Bridges the digital divide by providing youth with Google coursework and the chance to earn a technology credential

Learn & Earn – Summer program to train and place city and county youth in jobs across Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh

March2Success/ASVAB – Prepares students for state standardized testing as well as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

STEAM – Focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math

Summer School – Serves students from local school districts in need of summer school make-up courses

PHASE 4 Learning Center's twofold mission is:

To provide an exceptional education for at-risk individuals that focuses on their academic, social, behavioral, and future needs, enabling them to graduate from high school prepared for a career pathway, and

To establish partnerships with employers, higher education programs, the U.S. Military and community organizations to meet the needs of the regions employment sectors by preparing and connecting PHASE 4's participants to the appropriate career path.

Program Components

- ❖ Reduce dropout rate
- ❖ Increase graduation rate
- ❖ Improve work readiness, provide career exploration, and job placement
- ❖ Address employer and industry career needs Certified educators and certified behavioral staff
- ❖ A structured, academic and career counseling and mentoring program
- ❖ Teacher-led, project-based learning that leads to differentiated instruction
- ❖ Blended Learning model combining technology-based curriculum aligned to Pennsylvania State Standards with one-on-one direct instructional support
- ❖ Future preparation through career exploration (including post-secondary education, military service and employment)
- ❖ Outreach services for students and their families through strong community partnerships

PHASE 4 and Program Recognition

- ❖ Ranked one of ten “exemplary dropout prevention programs in our nation” by the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network. Ms. Suica-Reed was invited to present at the March 2007 NDPC/N Conference in Texas as an expert in addressing our country’s education crisis
- ❖ Named one of ten “best model alternative education programs” by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for best practices and for the innovative “mall model and campus model designs”. Ms. Suica-Reed presented at both the 2016 PDE Alternative Education Conference and the PA Center for Safe Schools Conference as a model program of education for PA and our country.
- ❖ Middle States Association granted full accreditation and cited PHASE 4 as *“Changing the regional landscape in education.”*
- ❖ Recipient of the 2007-2008 Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners grant
- ❖ One of the three alternative education programs asked by the local foundation community to participate in a study by the University of Pittsburgh on the needed direction of education for our nation
- ❖ President & Mrs. George W. Bush commended PHASE 4 as a leader in alternative education
- ❖ Former Governor Ed Rendell declared *“PHASE 4 as a model from which all can learn”*
- ❖ Former Pennsylvania First Lady Judge Marjorie Rendell recognized PHASE 4 as the first alternative school to participate in her statewide civics initiative, PennCORD
- ❖ Former Governor Tom Corbett recognized PHASE 4 for our success in addressing the state’s dropout rate
- ❖ The only alternative education program chosen to participate in former Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett’s “Opening Doors” initiative that focuses on middle school dropout prevention
- ❖ Selected as a finalist for the Wishart Award for Nonprofit Leadership
- ❖ Pittsburgh Business Times lists PHASE 4 as the largest private school in Western Pennsylvania – 10 consecutive years
- ❖ Award Winner: Best of Philadelphia: Education Services 2013, 2014, 2015
- ❖ US Military recognized PHASE 4 for our commitment to veterans, youth and our country
- ❖ Hosted the international Intel Computer Clubhouse Conference in Pittsburgh, PA - attended by 150 leaders from 19 countries (2016)
- ❖ The Clubhouse Network recognized PHASE 4 with its “Kudos Award” at its 2018 annual conference. The “Kudos Award” is an international award presented for PHASE 4’s Clubhouse to Career Pathways and for going above and beyond to help the students earn a high school diploma.