



rebound

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Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, and Social Workers,

Thank you for your partnership in working with students who have been short term suspended. It is our hope that our work together will allow students to come back to school in a better position personally and academically than when they left. We hope that the following information on our goals and processes will make using Rebound a smooth process for you. Please contact us with further questions, or visit us online at <http://www.reboundnc.org/school-administrators>.

BENEFITS OF ALTERNATIVE TO SHORT TERM SUSPENSION

- Student Suspension Absences (OSS) are converted to Present (ISS) in Powerschool.
- Opportunity to maintain connection with teachers and schoolwork during suspension. Certified DPS teacher in the program every morning.
- Neutral, student-centered environment allows students to step back and consider the big picture.
- Conflict Mediation available for students suspended for fighting/other ongoing conflicts.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

- Rebound enrolls up to **15 students per day**. We operate on first come, first served basis.
- **It is our goal to have students in the program on their first day out of school.** Please send referrals or call as early as possible in the day to notify us of referrals so that we can prepare for a student's arrival. We make every effort to inform parents of space in the program by 5 pm.
- **Please fill out the online enrollment form for each student that you refer** before marking them "Referred to Rebound" in Powerschool. Although we accept referrals directly from parents, providing information to parents is not considered a school referral. The form can be found at <http://www.reboundnc.org/school-administrators>
- **Don't forget to ask parents and students to identify student strengths.** This question on the referral form provides an opportunity for the school and Rebound to engage in some positive thinking during a negative situation, and gives us some personal information to start with when students arrive.
- Through our partnership with Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, **we give priority to students who are on probation or completing a diversion program.** We work closely with their court counselors to help them complete supervision requirements. If you or the parent is unsure

whether Rebound is appropriate for a student on probation, they can call us or the student's court counselor at the time of suspension.

- **If needed, give us a call while the parent is still in your office.** Some parents or students need more information, or simply to hear from the staff at the program before they are comfortable enrolling.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

- **A conversation between Rebound and parents is necessary to complete a student's enrollment.** Please make parents aware that we will be calling to speak to them and make plans for this conversation to occur (usually the first morning of drop off).
- **Bus Passes are available** for student transportation.
- Please make sure that parents are aware that **student assignments will be ready to pick up** in schools by the second morning after the student leaves school. Electronic assignments should be at Rebound 24 hours after the student leaves school. **A copy of the DPS flowchart for this process is attached.**

FOLLOW UP

- **Student attendance** is sent to DPS on a daily basis and entered into Powerschool by the Administrator of Second Chance Academy.
- All students who attend Rebound for 3 or more days are invited to participate in a student **Wrap Up Conference** (student, Rebound staff, parents and school personnel as available. They also develop a **School Reengagement Plan**, which may include further goals and action steps such as attending tutoring for specific classes or identifying an adult at school who can help in case of personal issues.
- Students receive a minimum of one **follow up phone call** from Rebound after return to school.
- A new grant will allow us more time to **follow up for students with repeated suspensions** after their time at Rebound. If a student continues to struggle after returning to school, please contact us to follow up.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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