

## What We Provide

Star School is a no-cost program to families and students.

Teachers communicate regularly with students about their personalized study plans and lessons. A wide-spectrum curriculum helps students earn credits for a high school diploma, certificate of high school equivalence, and/or National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). In addition, students may seek assistance to prepare for college entrance exams.

At the local level, volunteer learning coaches provide a human connection through personal support, guidance, encouragement, and sometimes tutoring. Local organizations, employers and other public settings often provide students with computer access to web-based applications.

## Our Students

Education goals of Missouri Star School students may be short- or long-term. For some, Star School provides a temporary alternative until the student is re-enrolled in his or her home school. For others, Star School provides a way to fulfill secondary education requirements through graduation or high school equivalency.

Star School students are typically high-school aged or about to complete eighth grade. As appropriate, students are permitted to continue in Star School after they are discharged from supervision. Students do not age out of enrollment eligibility as long as they are progressing.

Many Star School students need remediation to attain the skills needed for success in the regular classroom, while others are academically proficient but deficient in credits. Lessons are provided to all students at their level of individual academic readiness, and at a level that is individually challenging. When an IEP student returns to their home district (LEA), Star School can partner with the district's IEP team to provide regular education support.

## Other Agency Referrals

The Star School program was developed to target the needs of the DYS population. Other court-involved youth can be a part of Star School's service population. Agencies such as the Children's Division and the Juvenile Courts work with significant numbers of students who cannot, or should not, attend their home school.

Star School provides a staff, structure, and philosophy that are equipped to address the needs of other court-involved students. The therapeutic approach to online learning positively impacts students who present significant behavioral, situational, and emotional challenges.

## Learn More

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## Our Program

Missouri Star School addresses the education needs of court-involved Missouri students who cannot, or do not, return to their home school during or after treatment services.

Educational attainment is important. In recidivism studies, the Division of Youth Services (DYS) found that students who complete their high school diploma or equivalent are more likely to be law-abiding members of their community. Unfortunately, for some students, returning to regular school is not a viable option.

## Our Beginning

Until Star School was established, the only means DYS had for delivering education services to students with limited alternatives in their home communities was to retain them in a residential or a community resource center, which is not always in the best interest of the student, nor fiscally responsible.

In 2011, DYS partnered with the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to serve these students using highly qualified teachers to provide computer-assisted and direct distance-learning instruction. As part of the DYS statewide school district, Star School is accredited by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide general education services.





The Missouri Division of Youth Services has formed **Missouri Star School** through a partnership with LINC. This blended learning approach provides a personalized educational experience by connecting technology to learning, career, community, and family.

### Star School building blocks

- DYS Treatment Beliefs
- Positive Youth Development
- Invitational Education Model

### Learning Coach



- Lives in same community as student, interested in their success, helps keep student goal-oriented
- Learning Coaches visit students regularly

### State-Certified Distance Teacher



- Develop learning plans, teach new material, check for understanding, assign grades.
- Teachers contact students primarily using online communication tools, text and phone.

### Community Connection



- Partner with local schools, treatment providers, and support services to address student needs.
- Encourage student positive involvement in the community.

Blended learning is any time a student learns at least in part at a supervised brick-and-mortar location away from home and at least in part through online delivery with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace. (Innosight Institute)



## Star School cost per student

**\$6,570**

Estimated average cost per student per year with enrollment of 40 students.

### Missouri DESE cost per student

**\$10,005**

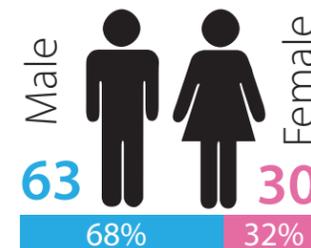
Average cost per student/year 2014

### Community Residential Program

**\$70,924**

Average cost per bed per student/year FY2014

## Since Inception (FY2013)



## Recent Students Served and Outcomes

	Students Served	Received HS Diploma	Return to Public School	Post Secondary Prep
<b>FY2015</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FY2014</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>

