

# Wyoming Behavioral Institute Pathways School

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When a student is admitted to Wyoming Behavioral Institute, a parent or guardian signs an educational release. Within 48 hours of admission, WBI makes contact with the home school district. School officials are notified that a contract for educational services needs to be signed and homework should be mailed, faxed or emailed. Regular updates on a student's schoolwork and treatment can be provided if requested, and the district will be alerted to a student's pending discharge. A re-entry meeting can be scheduled if desired, where progress made and recommendations for the student's future can be discussed with the district and parents.

Wyoming Behavioral Institute is an accredited program which allows WBI to award educational credits to students who are 12 to 17 years old and receiving residential treatment on the Pathways Unit. Certified teachers teach math, language arts, and health. Wyoming Behavioral Institute's educational services staff coordinates with school districts to determine the best way to educate each student. Most Pathways students study the subject areas in which they can earn credit, either in their own school district or at Wyoming Behavioral Institute.

Pathways students are in class Monday through Friday for four hours daily. During the summer, classes are offered Monday through Thursday. The rate at which students advance in each subject is individualized. The focus in math is to teach concepts; progress is tested weekly and monitored by the student and instructor. Health topics include healthy choices and behavior; social, emotional and physical health; drug use and abuse; disease prevention; first aid and safety; and global issues.

Language arts literature choices have included Westside Story, The Incredible Journey, Romeo and Juliet, Animal Farm, The Diary of Anne Frank, Flowers for Algernon, and a variety of short stories. Wyoming Behavioral Institute's writing program is based on the 6 + 1 Trait Writing Model and Assessment, which covers:

1. Developing ideas to write about
2. Organizing what they are going to write about
3. Voice
4. Writing mechanics
5. Word Choice
6. Sentence structure
7. Presenting the material that they have written.



Our goal is to help your child continue to learn, as well as, earn credit while they are working on their treatment at WBI.

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself" John Dewey

