

CHOICE ADMISSION CRITERIA

Choice Academy is a program for students who want to earn their high school diploma. Choice provides an academic environment where students work independently online and through traditional packets. Classrooms have a library-like atmosphere. There are five core teachers and one special education teacher who are present part-time. The administration includes one principal and a program secretary.

Choice students are independent learners who ask for help when needed. They are self-motivated, respectful, and goal-driven. They respond to feedback in a positive manner.

Choice does not have the supports necessary to maintain a safe learning environment for students who have a history of displaying the following behaviors:

- Physical aggression (posturing, fighting, pushing)
- Verbal abuse (swearing, aggression, insubordination, defiance, racism, threats)
- Drug use or possession (including but not limited to tobacco, alcohol, and vaping)
- Excessive disruption of classrooms (talking loudly, outbursts, leaving the room without permission)
- Weapon infraction

Students who have been expelled or have a history of the above behaviors will be considered on a case by case basis. The Choice Academy team reserves the right to decline any student who is unlikely to be successful given the supports and programming available.

Students who are not a good fit for Choice may inquire with the other Bloomington High Schools. Local alternatives include Burnsville ALC, Apple Valley ALC, Bridges-Prior Lake, DCALS Dakota County Alternative Learning-Rosemount, SECA South Education Center Alternative-Richfield, and Takota Learning Center-Shakopee. Online options can be found at Connections Academy and Blue Sky Online.