

R.I.S.E

WHAT IS R.I.S.E?

R.I.S.E (Recognizing the Importance of School Engagement) is a program designed to keep students out of the court system. It is based upon the belief that, in many instances, there is a more appropriate and beneficial way to prevent chronic absenteeism. Nebraska Statute 79-209.

Goals of R.I.S.E

1. Develop and implement an absenteeism plan addressing the individual youth's reasons for excessive absenteeism.
2. Develop and implement a service plan to increase parent/guardian involvement and responsibility in regards to youths' attendance.
3. Promote accountability and engagement of youth within the schools by partnering with parents and other agencies without the involvement of court.

The school can make a referral at any time during the school year to address any barriers. The county attorney invokes all rights to make referrals regardless of the number of days missed.

IS R.I.S.E THE SAME AS DIVERSION OR PROBATION?

No. R.I.S.E is a prevention program to help address attendance concerns, before courts or justice system involvement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR R.I.S.E?

Any youth who is enrolled at any school in either Burt or Cuming County.

HOW MUCH DOES THE R.I.S.E PROGRAM COST?

R.I.S.E is a **FREE** service to any Burt or Cuming County family.

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

The length of the program depends directly on the youth and the family. It can last an entire school year or just a quarter. It is all based on the child's needs as well as how quickly they progress to alleviate the barriers to absenteeism.

HOW OFTEN CAN I BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Until the courts become involved.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN THE R.I.S.E PROGRAM?

- Participation in the program and sign release of information
- Attend school daily, contract Accountability Officer (AO) if gone for any reason
- Provide proper documentation if absent
- Dental, health, wellness appointments made during non-school hours, breaks or during summer months
- Keep appointments with (AO)

- Return any calls from school or (AO) in a timely fashion
- Complete absenteeism plan and/or parent service plan
- Maintain passing grades and turn in any make up work
- Improve attendance
- Remain substance free

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS I COULD BE DROPPED FROM R.I.S.E PROGRAM?

- Non-compliant with program contract/expectations
- Continued missed days from school
- Failure to maintain passing grades or make progress
- Family moves out of county
- Youth removed from home
- Substance issues need to be addressed by courts
- Physical and/or sexual harassment towards others
- Any behavior deemed inappropriate by family, staff, or school