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How many people know that the school administration of Esko pushes nonperforming students to ALC rather than try to instruct them? What happened to helping kids in need? Is this to protect their school rankings? Deceitful and damaging to the respective kids. I personally know of three kids they have done this too. Is this what the community expects of their administration? None of them were violent or disruptive, so why? Lazy.

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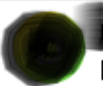


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I heard this previously & was told for that reason. ???

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They have given lackluster efforts for one reason or another. The ones I'm talking about were intelligent, but non-violent. The administration was too quick to offer them a pass on any learning...and kids, unfortunately, will often jump at it.

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Define "nonperforming" students. Kids that can't do the work or kids that just won't do it?

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Both. What are the reasons they aren't performing? Isn't a school supposed to find those reasons and do their best to work with them? A great teacher and/or counselor will find the answer with the kid. They currently don't try too hard. Don't brag about your scores and graduation rate when you're expelling kids that you do little for.

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Maybe learn more about the program and the benefits of going there vs the big schools before bashing them. They have great teachers and smaller class size. They help with college /trade schools. The kids there feel important and are able to get the help or just have a calm friendly environment they need to learn. Alot of parents like myself choose this school for that reason and many more. I woould suggest CAAEP Cloquet Area Alternative Erea Program to anyone.

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My girls both graduated from there. They have many great elements but does that exclude them from justified criticism. Should we be kicking non-violent kids out because they're lagging. You take them from what is supposed to be a learning environment to one riddled with violent, troubled kids. Disturbing suggestion.

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The Cloquet Area Alternative Program is no education. You are wrong to send them there or recommend them. You get passed for mere attendance, rewarded just for being there, and they don't learn anything. Might as well get a GED. If you recommend them to any ALC, you have given up on them. ALC sets them out in life at a loss.

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Maybe it's not just the administration and teachers but some students make kids feel uncomfortable being at school cause they're not athletic enough or as I say "cool" enough to try to excel and maybe the administration can't teach the rest of the staff every thing to really notice what is wrong. You must not throw stones until you know the reasons behind the problems.

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Let me clarify a bit. First and foremost, the parents not making sure their kids are doing their homework, showing up to school, and pursuing the best interests of their children are the biggest issue. The school, as correctly pointed out, doesn't make the final decision on where kids go, parents do. If you've been made aware of poor student performance as a parent and do nothing, you are really doing them a great disservice. There was a good element of this in the kids I was speaking of. The courts, who won't uphold truancy cases, are also largely to blame. The school can only do so much but try they must. ALC is no answer. The nudging of kids towards an easy path is not the answer. Effort, hard work, and obedience by all.



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A few years ago my kid got a letter from Esko in June saying that they wouldn't be allowed to return in the fall because they weren't going to graduate on time. We talked to ALC & they said what Esko said was untrue! If she kept up she could graduate early or take college classes her SR year. She almost couldn't get into ALC there's a waiting list unless your a Jr/Sr but she qualified for mental health & truancy issues and she refused to go to Cloquet HS even though we live in Cloquet cuz of more kids she don't know etc & her anxiety. She attended Esko since Kindergarten. As u get older in Esko the kids are with their rich friends who are in sports etc. She had tons of friends in Elementary that's why kids suffer from depression etc cuz they get crapped on by the faculty & students and pushed to ALC there last 2 years of school. (edited)

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im glad my child's a senior. I'm so sick of eskos constant calls texts emails, and fees for this n that, and i agree their attendance policy is b.s. apperantly being excused isn't a good enough excuse to be excused there has to be a reason 🙄

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In my conversation with a school administrator yesterday, I learned a couple of things of concern. One, is that Carlton County is not doing much with true truancy cases as they used to (since Covid). This is part of a larger cultural shift taking power away from school and parents and giving it to kids. This never works but look at our societal collapse and the underlying culprits. Second, if a student starts 9th grade at Esko and then transfers, they do not get credit for graduation rates for that student unless they graduate. By nudging them to ALC, they have given up on the student and ensuring a graduate because ALC will graduate them for mere attendance. The student ultimately starts his or her adult life on a bad note. They are removed from their friends and support system and put with some of the most troubled youth at the most critical juncture of life. In the previous decades, these same youth would have flunked, been held back, and/or attend summer school. They must learn consequences follow bad decisions.

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The conclusion one should draw from all of this is that we must pressure ALC's to educate these kids or flunk them. If public schools have no easy way to guarantee their graduation rates and keep their scores high, they might be inclined to do what's needed. This is the next avenue to explore. How are ALCs allowed to graduate kids without meeting educational requirements? Any ALC experts on here?

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