



NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL 2320 West Burleigh Street Milwaukee, WI 53206 414-874-0283			
SCHOOL LEADER	Carol Butts and Shanel Vrontez	GRADES SERVED	9-12
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993	CONTRACT MAXIMUM	110
TRANSPORTATION	Public Transportation	SCHOOL HOURS	M, T, TH, F: 9:00am-2:43pm W: 9:00am-12:51pm
SCHOOL START / END DATES	September 3, 2024 - June 13, 2025		

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MISSION	NOVA's mission is to graduate proficient, confident, and respectful young scholars with the educational and social skills necessary to compete in our ever-changing world.
VISION	NOVA's vision is to guide each student in finding their individual purpose in life in order to make a positive contribution to their communities, be responsible digital citizens, and live a full and healthy life. Founded in 1993 as an alternative, school-to-work program for "at-risk" students residing on the northwest side of Milwaukee, NOVA has a long history of offering students career-based learning. In partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, NOVA is one of TransCenter for Youth's small high schools with only 110 students. We believe our small size allows the NOVA staff to build relationships with each student in an effort to provide a unique learning environment to not only help students earn their high school diploma, but to prepare students to live a full, healthy life after graduation.
HISTORY	Since 1973, TransCenter for Youth, Inc. has operated schools for students who are failing in the traditional high schools. NOVA opened its door in 1993 and has faithfully provided educational programming with a focus on building trusting relationships, relevance and rigor. Students who earn a diploma from NOVA are equipped with the tools necessary to navigate our global society. The smallness of our school community allows us to be nimble affording us with opportunities to pivot without deviating from our core values.
COURSE OFFERINGS	NOVA offers a traditional 22 credit tract to graduation for students, with added options of an 18 credit alternative tract or Competency tract for under-credit and overage students. A credit recovery option is available through Edgenuity, an online program that is supported both inside and outside of the classroom. Our electives are focused on empowerment, strengthening self-awareness, improvement of study skills and culturally relevant responsible citizenship. Our students have access to various opportunities for learning, including before and after school tutoring, flexible scheduling for competency students, monthly data meetings between teacher and student, child care and after school programming through our partnership with the COA Youth & Family Center. NOVA strives to make available meaningful field trips and presenters that exposes students to varied experiences outside of the 53206 zip code.
CAREER AND POST-SECONDARY EXPLORATION OFFERINGS	NOVA students are required to complete 20 hours of community service as well as attend outbound learning opportunities. These experiences are provided for NOVA through partnerships with organizations such as Milwaukee Urban League, FREE, COA and The Milwaukee Center For Entrepreneurship. NOVA Students also participate in College exploration opportunities by attending college fairs and participating in college visits inside and outside of the state of Wisconsin.
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	NOVA provides a comprehensive program for at-risk students with a strong emphasis on the development of competency skills for post- secondary education and career opportunities while intentionally delivering culturally relevant support services to our predominately African American student population. The school is designed to promote powerful, sustained student relationships with adults, where every student has an

	<p>“advisor”. Additionally, the school provides a vast array of services that include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advisory: The advisor assists the student with academic planning, goal setting, social-emotional learning, college and career readiness, and any other issues that may confront the student. 2. MPS Social Worker, Psychologist and SPED Team: Students have access to counseling services, developed student learning plans and collaborative meetings with all partners to provide supports as needed. 3. Table Talk: NOVA prides itself on ensuring that students have a safe place to share and problem solve in a nurturing and safe environment. 4. Outside Collaboration: In an effort to keep students engaged and excited about school we collaborate with organizations such as the COA Youth and Family Center, Milwaukee Urban League, Boys and Girls Club, 414LIFE, Sojourner Family Peace Center, Violence Interrupters, Saint A’s, Dominican Center, Safe & Sound and The Milwaukee Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR	Student Council, Science Strikes Back, COA Teen Impact Program