

# ReCONNECT ACADEMY

ReConnect Academy, a program within The Connect Academy family, provides a structured and therapeutic environment for general education students facing expulsion or disciplinary placement. The program focuses on helping students reflect, rebuild skills, and remain connected to learning while preparing for successful reintegration into their home schools.



WELCOME



ReConnect Academy was created to support students at one of the most difficult moments in their educational journey: when they are facing expulsion. Our program creates space for reflection, growth, and progress. With strong support and clear expectations, students develop the skills to make better choices, succeed academically, and build a foundation for their future.

**HEATHER BRUEN**

*President, The Connect Academy*

RECONNECT

ReConnect Academy is a structured alternative education program designed for general education students facing expulsion or disciplinary removal. Built on the proven Connect Academy therapeutic model, the program provides a supportive environment where students remain connected to learning while developing the skills needed to successfully reintegrate into their home schools.

### **Personalized Success Planning**

Each student receives a Personalized Success Plan developed in collaboration with the referring district. The plan outlines academic expectations, behavioral supports, and clear goals to help students rebuild momentum and stay on track academically.

### **Restorative and Therapeutic Support**

Restorative practices and daily therapeutic supports help students reflect on their actions, build accountability, and develop stronger emotional regulation and decision-making skills.

### **Academic Progress and Future Readiness**

Students remain engaged in standards-aligned coursework with differentiated instruction and credit recovery opportunities. The program also incorporates goal setting and career exploration to help students connect their academic progress with future college and career pathways.

### **District Collaboration and Transition Planning**

ReConnect works closely with districts and families to monitor progress, communicate regularly, and support a smooth transition as students prepare for their next academic step.



9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



Building Hours:  
8:00AM – 4:00PM



505 E. North Ave.  
Carol Stream, IL 60188



630-822-8085

# PROGRAM

# STUDENTS



## SUPPORTING EVERY STUDENT'S JOURNEY

At ReConnect Academy, we recognize that students facing expulsion are often at a critical turning point in their educational journey. Our program provides a structured, supportive environment where students can pause, reflect on their choices, and begin building the skills needed to move forward. Through restorative practices, therapeutic supports, consistent academic engagement, and future-focused planning, students remain connected to learning while developing the tools needed for long-term success.

From the moment a student enters the program, our focus is on growth and forward progress. Staff work closely with the referring district and families to monitor progress, build accountability, and develop a clear plan for each student's next steps. By combining structure, support, and clear expectations, ReConnect Academy helps students turn challenging moments into opportunities for meaningful growth.

# HIGHLIGHTS

# 5:1

*Student-to-Staff Ratio*

Our highly supportive environment ensures that every student receives focused attention from experienced educators and therapists. This personalized approach allows us to address each student's unique needs, maximizing their potential.

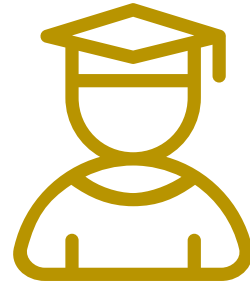
# 20

*Maximum Class Size*

With maximum class sizes of 20 students, we maintain an environment where every student feels seen and supported. This small class size enables us to tailor instruction and foster meaningful connections between students and staff.

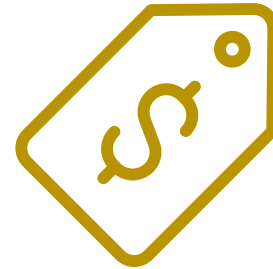
# DISTRICTS

ReConnect Academy operates through a shared-service model that provides districts with reliable access to an alternative placement for students facing expulsion. Districts secure placement access by purchasing student seats in advance, allowing for predictable costs and consistent availability throughout the school year.



## **Seat Blocks**

Districts purchase seats in blocks based on anticipated needs. Available seat blocks include 5, 10, 20, 30, or 40+ seats, with lower per-seat rates at higher commitment levels.



## **Tiered Pricing**

Seat pricing ranges, depending on the number of seats purchased. Districts committing to a higher number of seats are given a discount on a per student per day basis.



## **Flexible Access**

Seats may be used for students facing expulsion, extended suspension, or other district-defined alternative placements.



## **Shared District Partnership**

Multiple districts participate in the program, creating a sustainable and cost-effective placement option.

# ENROLLMENT

Once a district has secured seats through the partnership model, students may be referred to ReConnect Academy as disciplinary situations arise. Our structured referral and intake process ensures that each placement is appropriate, efficient, and designed to support reintegration.

1

## **District Referral**

The district identifies a general education student facing expulsion or disciplinary removal and notifies ReConnect Academy to begin the onboarding process.

2

## **Submission of Documentation**

The district provides a referral packet including disciplinary context, academic records, and relevant attendance or behavioral history.

3

## **Intake Meeting**

ReConnect Academy staff review the materials and meet with district representatives to understand the student's needs, establish goals, and determine an appropriate transition timeline.

4

## **Personalized Success Plan**

Each student receives a Personalized Success Plan outlining academic expectations, behavioral supports, and reintegration goals developed collaboratively with the district.

5

## **Ongoing Communication**

ReConnect Academy maintains consistent communication with districts and families through progress updates, behavioral monitoring, and reintegration planning.



2025/2026

# CONNECT WITH US

**ReCONNECT ACADEMY**

505 E. North Ave.  
Carol Stream, IL 60188

**HEATHER BRUEN, *President***

312-519-4581  
hbruen@theconnectacademy.org  
www.theconnectacademy.org



*Dedicated to Individualized Student Success.*