

Program overview:

- KES is an alternate educational setting designed to accommodate the educational, social and emotional well-being of vulnerable or at-risk students whose needs are not being met in a traditional school environment.

Criteria for Program Admittance (May include one or more of below criteria):

- Significant problems with attendance and/or work habits/behaviours and/or anxiety in traditional classes
- At risk of dropping out of school
- Agreement and input from student, parent/guardian, school staff and/or other relevant professionals

Intake Process:

- Students may self-refer, or be referred by school counselors/administrators, parents, or other outside agencies
- Student history and other relevant information discussed by team for suitability at KES
- The intake meeting involves student/parent meeting with KES staff to set up educational plan including an exit strategy to facilitate student back to regular school system, continuing or post-secondary training, or graduation to the workforce.
- Document any additional services provided to the student
- Annual review of student's learning plan and progress

Program Delivery:

- Students attend half day sessions with clear expectations and routines
- All courses meet BC Curriculum outcomes, are paper based and are self-paced for independent learning
- Students have the opportunity to cross-enroll to Mt. Baker for additional courses not offered at KES
- Dedicated Math/Science and Humanities teacher specialists with high teacher to student ratio.
- Non-teaching staff include: Student Services teacher, teacher counselor, youth care worker, Ab-Ed support worker and two educational assistants
- All staff model and reinforce positive and appropriate behaviour and social skills, foster the student's personal strengths and capacity to learn and grow, and emphasize the importance of essential skills and work habits
- On-site student services include: academic supports/adaptations, personal counselling, aboriginal support, social/emotional supports, crisis assistance and prevention, and personal health assistance

- Frequent outside agency presentations/sessions with students to build awareness and community connections
- Many outside agencies we can connect students to including: East Kootenay Addiction Services Society, ANKORS, RCMP liaison officer, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services, Bellies to Babies, Homeless Prevention Program, and Options for Sexual Health