



## KOOTENAY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – KES

PROVIDING ALTERNATE PATHS TO SUCCESS SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

### **Our Mission Statement:**

- **To provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space to support students requiring an alternate learning environment to achieve academic and/or social-emotional success while promoting positive, healthy relationships.**

### **So, is KES the right school program for me?**

If you find you are not being successful in a traditional classroom and are in danger of not graduating, KES could be an option for you to find success!

### **Okay, I'm curious ... what does KES have to offer?**

- 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 (enhanced with technology).
- Full BC High-School Dogwood certificate of graduation is possible through KES with graduation ceremonies and prom privileges in conjunction with Mt. Baker.
- Students have the opportunity to cross-enroll to Mt. Baker for additional courses not offered at KES.
- Academic supports: dedicated teacher specialists in Math/Science and Humanities (English, Social Studies, etc.) and two educational assistants.
- Non-academic support: student services teacher, teacher counsellor, youth care worker, and Indigenous support worker.
- On-site student services include: academic supports/adaptations, personal counselling, Indigenous support, social/emotional supports, crisis assistance and prevention, harm reduction supplies and training, personal health assistance, and many healthy daily food options.

### **Alright I'm interested! How do I apply to attend KES?**

**Step 1** – Contact your school counsellor to see if KES is a good fit for you. Counsellors can assist you with the KES application form. In some cases, students are referred to the school-based team to discuss if KES would be a better option.

**Step 2** – Your application form will be reviewed by the staff at KES. Your Parent/guardian must also approve of your application to KES.

**Step 3** – A KES staff member will contact you to set up a time for an intake meeting!

### **Intake Meeting? What can I expect?**

- You and your parent/guardian will sit down with two KES staff for about a half an hour.
- You will go through some paperwork and keep in mind you are registering at a new school.
- The intake meeting includes:
  - An introduction to our program
  - A brief personal interview
  - A plan for your educational goals at KES
  - KES program expectations
  - A tour of our building/facilities with a plan for first day attendance!

**Once you are a KES Student, there are many further outside agencies and connections we can help you access to help you on your path to success!**

- East Kootenay Addiction Services Society (EKASS)
- ANKORS (harm reduction and sexual health specialists)
- RCMP liaison officer
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services
- Bellies to Babies
- Cranbrook Community Connections
- College of the Rockies
- Salvation Army
- Blade Runners
- The Foundry
- Interior Health

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