

Mission Statement

Northland Pines School District is dedicated to empowering all individuals to reach the potential.

We will be accountable and work together to:

Model what is expected

Nurture a safe, healthy, and trusting environment.

Provide a challenging and engaging curriculum.

Promote life-long learning.

Build school, family, and community partnerships.

Celebrate cultural diversity, talents, and strengths.

Thrive in a global society.

Foster continuous Improvement



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STAFF

Linda Zimmer has been employed at Northland Pines since 1997, and has been a paraprofessional at the Phoenix Center since its creation in 2001.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



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PHOENIX CENTER

The Northland Pines Phoenix Center is the district's alternative education site and is located in the back parking lot of the High School. This on-campus location presents students with the option to take classes in the high school building. It also allows students to meet with teachers, guidance counselors, attend school assemblies and presentations. Moreover, students at the Phoenix Center are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

The Phoenix Center was established in the 2001-2002 school year. It was designed to help students, who, for a variety of reasons, did not fit into the traditional high school setting, and/or have become credit deficient and need some extra help to graduate with their classmates. The goal of the Phoenix Center is to ensure that all students from the Northland Pines School District earn their high school diploma. Note: Students that are enrolled in the Phoenix Center earn the same high school diploma as a traditional Northland Pines student.

The Phoenix Center provides a learning environment in which they feel comfortable and allows them to be successful. The classes are smaller, the issues they've had in the past are eliminated, and their course work is geared more toward independent success.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

The Phoenix Center consists of two programs: Alternative Education and GEDO-2 (General Education Diploma Option 2). Students enrolled in the alternative education program are about two credits shy of graduating with their class.

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Ninety-three students have graduated from the alternative education program from 2001-2016.

GEDO-2

The GEDO-2 program is for highly credit deficient students that are considered very unlikely to graduate. We use the GEDO-2 as a last resort for a student to earn his or her high school diploma. Unless in rare circumstances, a student cannot enter into this program until they reach 18 years of age.

To earn your diploma through GEDO-2, one must pass five Northland Pines classes: Political Science, Employability Skills, Consumer Economics, Health, and English. Once all five classes have been completed, the student is eligible to take the four GED tests: Reasoning through Language Arts (Reading & Writing), Math, Social Studies, and Science. An average score of 145 or higher on each of the four GEDO-2 tests is required. The tests are issued at Nicolet Technical College in Rhinelander.

In addition to the Northland Pines courses and GED tests, thirty hours of employment or community service is also required.

Since the 2001-2016 school year, ninety students have graduated from the GEDO-2 program.

S.W.E.E.T. PROGRAM

In addition to the Alternative Education and GEDO-2 programs, the Phoenix Center offers a summer work program called S.W.E.E.T. (Students With Educational and Employment Talents). Any student entering grades 11-12 from Northland Pines that is credit deficient is eligible to be in the S.W.E.E.T. program.

S.W.E.E.T. is a six week summer work program in which a student can earn one-half to one full credit while being employed. While students learn responsibility and skills that will benefit them beyond high school, our local businesses have a direct impact in helping our students achieve this goal and making this program a big success.