

# Flexible Learning Center

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**903 Topaz Drive, Sergeant Bluff, IA**

**WHO WE ARE:** Located at 903 Topaz Drive in Sergeant Bluff, IA, the Flexible Learning Center provides an alternative high school program for students in the Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Whiting, Lawton-Bronson, Westwood, Hinton and Woodbury Central school districts.



Currently staffed by certified instructors Brian Friesner (director) and Fritz Burow, the location (often referred to as the Flex Center) offers an opportunity for students to complete classes at their own pace.

The curriculum is set up to meet the educational guidelines of each of the participating schools.

Also offering both evening and summer classes, the Flex Center allows students to work independently year-around while taking responsibility for their learning with staff support and guidance.



**Mission Statement:** The Flexible Learning Center provides quality educational services and support necessary to reach the highest level of individual student success. Those students in need of a non-traditional education find the Flex Center staff willing to explore and implement learning strategies aimed at personal achievement, social responsibility and continuing educational goals.



Enrolled students follow an individualized plan that allows them receive a diploma from their home district. The program and staff stress the importance of student involvement in the educational process through goal-setting, decision-making and responsibility toward self and others.

**Accommodations:** The Flex Center staff cooperates with the sending school, providing appropriate accommodations or modifications or assistance with progress monitoring as specified in the student's IEP.

**FLC Credits:** Students must demonstrate 80% mastery of all assignments and tests to proceed with their work. Any incomplete coursework can be continued into the next

grading period. Students complete an average of two courses per month and are encouraged to participate in their home school's extracurricular activities.



**Graduation:** Students must meet with their own school counselor the spring term in which they intend to graduate so they have time to finish any other required classes.

**Attendance:** The Flex Center is open from 8 am to 4 pm. The morning

session is from 8:30-11:45 and the afternoon session is from 12:15-3:30.

Daily attendance is expected. Absences require a parent/guardian phone call. Students are subject to removal from the program after five unexcused absences and readmission after six weeks, if space is available.



Maintaining an office-like atmosphere, students clock in and out daily.

**Transportation:** The student is responsible for transportation.



**School District Support:** The Flex Center benefits from the support and guidance services of all six school districts served. Principals and counselors communicate with the staff about individual student needs and graduation requirements.

Whiting CSD directs the employment and financial aspects of the school consortium, while Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD supplies administrative support, technological support, resource officer, social worker and school nurse.

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