

MISSION

The purpose of this initiative is to develop and implement a comprehensive community education strategy designed to restore the public educators' confidence in our criminal justice system. This strategy will strive to accomplish the following:

- ❑ Promote peer & public safety through improved communication and information with prompt responses to inquiries, problems and training
- ❑ Establish lines of communication with the schools in our communities
- ❑ Enhance public schools' awareness of Community Corrections' mission and philosophy
- ❑ Share Community Corrections' interest in safe schools and the education needs of offenders
- ❑ Equip offenders, through educational programs, with the tools necessary to become productive students that receive their high school diploma, develop skills suitable for employment in the future and become law-abiding citizens

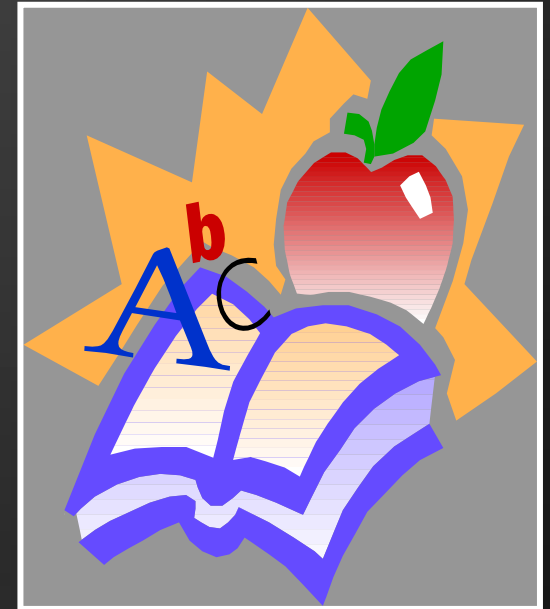
Community Corrections' "School Partnership" officers provide quality supervision for offenders placed under our jurisdiction, and promote liaison leadership for our schools and Community Corrections.



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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

School Partnership Program

The first "School Partnership" Program was established in Carteret County in April 1993. The Program's purpose is to expand a Probation Officer's collaboration with students, teachers, guidance counselors, assistant principals, and principals regarding students who are on supervised probation. Probation Officers are involved in keeping students in school through conditions of probation that encompass the School Partnership Program.

The Probation Officer, school officials, and students work together to develop solutions to problems through communication, behavioral objectives, realistic goal setting and court intervention. The Probation Officer's presence on school campuses has had an impressive impact. The school officials and students know that the officer is available to assist and counsel as well as to hold the students accountable to the requirements of their probation obligations.

Legislation passed in 2012 provides that "Probation officers of the Division of Community Corrections, when working as a part of the Division's School Partnership Program, may visit students during school hours on school property with prior authorization by school administrators. For purposes of this section, 'authorization' includes requests for assistance from guidance counselors or school resource officers."

Program Rules

- ❑ Remain in school until completion of high school diploma or G.E.D.
- ❑ Make a good faith effort to maintain a passing grade point average or show improvement
- ❑ Attend and be on time for school each and every day and not be absent without a valid medical reason Follow all school rules and discipline policies
- ❑ Abstain from the use, possession or control of any illegal drug or controlled substance or alcoholic beverage unless it has been prescribed by a licensed physician and is in the original container with the prescription number affixed to it; not knowingly associate with any known or previously convicted users, possessors or sellers of any illegal drugs or controlled substances; and not knowingly be present at any place where illegal drugs or controlled substances are being sold, kept or used. Submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by the Probation Officer of the offender, and the offender's vehicle and premises while he/she is present, for the following purposes:
 - stolen goods
 - controlled substances
 - contraband; and
 - other
- ❑ Follow all school rules and discipline policies
- ❑ Supply a breath, urine and/or blood specimen for analysis of the possible presence of a prohibited drug or alcohol when instructed by the Probation Officer

- ❑ Treat school administrators, faculty and staff with respect and courtesy
- ❑ Abstain from the use, possession or control of any flammable device (i.e., lighters, matches, or explosives) on school property
- ❑ Abstain from any involvement in gang activities or possession of any visible signs of gang activity (i.e., paraphernalia), or create, demonstrate, or display gang gestures
- ❑ Abide by and adhere to curfews established at the discretion of the Probation Officer

Target Population

- ❑ Ages 21 and under
- ❑ Enrolled in public school or enrolled in an Adult Basic Education/G.E.D. Program in a local Community College

