

Michael Dunagan of Options Schools Explains Individualized Approach of Alternative Education in HelloNation

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NOBLESVILLE , IN, UNITED STATES, July 17, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What makes alternative education a necessary and effective choice for many high school students? [In a feature from HelloNation](#), Michael Dunagan of Options Schools in Noblesville, Indiana outlines how nontraditional education pathways support students whose needs are not met in conventional academic settings. Rather than being a fallback option, alternative education is structured to prioritize personalized learning, small class sizes, and flexible middle and high school scheduling that aligns with students' real-life circumstances.

Dunagan explains that students turn to alternative education programs for a range of reasons—from health challenges and academic struggles to family responsibilities or schedule limitations. What these students share is a need for an environment that adapts to them. At Options Schools, that means creating smaller class sizes where instructors can build trust and directly support each individual student's needs.

One defining characteristic of the Options Schools model is flexibility. Whether through modified daily schedules, rolling enrollment periods, or hybrid instruction, students are offered a structure that supports continued engagement despite life's unpredictability. According to Dunagan, this flexibility doesn't lower standards—it ensures students stay connected to their learning without having to sacrifice personal or family responsibilities.

Individualized learning plans serve as the backbone of the Options approach. These plans go beyond course requirements to include college and career goals, soft skills development, and life readiness benchmarks. As Dunagan notes, the aim is not just to help students earn a diploma,



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but to equip them with the tools and confidence needed to succeed after high school.

As emphasized in the [HelloNation article, "Understanding the Role of Alternative Education"](#), alternative education programs like those at Options Schools provide intentional, supportive structures that help students re-engage with learning and progress toward meaningful futures.

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