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READY PROGRAM (Regional Educational Alternative for Developing Youth)  
SCHOOL PURPOSE, VISION AND MISSION

**Establishment of Regional Safe Schools and Purpose of the READY Program:**

The Champaign-Ford Regional Office of Education #9 created the Regional Alternative for Developing Youth (READY) Program in 1998 as a result of state legislation (105 ILCS 5/135). The statewide initiative provides an alternative school option for districts in each region of the state. The READY Program is considered a Regional Safe School Program (RSSP) for the state of Illinois, serving students in grades 6-12.

The purpose of the READY Program is twofold:

- 1) to increase safety and promote the learning environment in the schools in the community, and
- 2) to meet the particular educational needs of disruptive students more appropriately and individually in an alternative educational environment.

Funding is provided by grants from the Illinois State Board of Education, General State Aid, and tuition from participating school districts.

The READY Program's mission and belief statements fulfill the intent of the program's to provide high quality alternative education for the referred students. READY Program's mission statement and beliefs are as follows:

READY: Cultivating Change, Transforming Lives

Student's Belief Statement 1 (Education)

I will work hard to achieve my educational goals now and in the future.

Staff's Belief Statement 1 (Education)

We will provide a holistic education for all learners in a safe and nurturing environment.

Student's Belief Statement 2 (Social/Emotional)

I will view challenges as opportunities for growth to cultivate change in all areas of my life.

Staff's Belief Statement 2 (Social/Emotional)

We will respectfully engage all students at their individual levels, while fostering social and emotional growth.

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Student's Belief Statement 3 (Partnerships)

I will work with my family, school staff and the community to use opportunities to help transform my life.

Staff's Belief Statement 3 (Partnerships)

We will partner with families, the home school, social service agencies and businesses to strengthen our integrated curriculum and enhance student outcomes.

The Regional Office of Education through the READY administration will ensure that students and school personnel have access to necessary media and information resources.

The Regional Office of Education through the READY administration will provide, coordinate, and evaluate the effectiveness of school support systems to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of students.