

The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program (YCP) is a multi-phased alternative education program, targeting high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. The program's function is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 'at-risk' youth and produce program graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 1. Residential Phase:** The highly structured five and a half month Residential Phase (cycle) focuses on continuing education through Course Choice, Credit Recovery, HISET® (GED) and Career Readiness. The program's eight core components are: Academic Excellence, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Service to Community, Health and Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Leadership/Followership, and Life Coping Skills.
- 2. Post-Residential Mentoring Phase:** The 12 month Post-Residential Mentoring Phase provides support to students from mentors and program Case Managers as they work toward their goals. Every student sets goals and develops a Post-Residential Action Plan (PRAP) to help identify and recognize the tasks and resources necessary to attain education/work related goals through continued education, employment, or entering the military.

COURSE CREDIT

YCP is a state approved program, Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice approved provider, and a state approved HISET® provider. Students are eligible to enroll in YCP if 16-18 years old.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

School systems have three options in determining how to enroll students in YCP.

	Student stays enrolled in school	Student stays enrolled in SIS	YCP Program Type	YCP Funding	Monitoring and Reporting
OPTION 1	Yes	Yes	SCA/Course Choice	SCA/Course Choice	Monitored by: district child welfare and attendance officer Grades reported by: YCP to LEA
OPTION 2	Yes	Yes	HISET	YCP Funded	Monitored by: district child welfare and attendance officer Grades reported by: YCP to LEA
OPTION 3	No	No	HISET		

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
<p>A district may choose to allow a student to remain in the school system, retain the MFP, and continue with the current course load in online courses at YCP. YCP is an approved Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice Provider. Supplemental Course Allocation/Course Choice funds may be used to fund this option. The LEA will not code the student out in SIS. Grades will be reported monthly to the LEA by YCP, and any final course grades will be applied to the transcript per district Pupil Progression Plan policy. Participation is monitored by the district child welfare and attendance officer. Students must take all state mandated assessments in the home district.</p>	<p>A district may choose to allow a student to exit from the diploma pathway via code 35 in SIS, retain the MFP, and monitor the student as an LEA monitored HISET® program. YCP is a state approved HISET® program. No LEA funding is required for this option. The student who remains continuously enrolled in an LEA will have until October 1 following the expected summer graduation of the cohort to earn the HISET® equivalency credential. Participation is monitored by the district child welfare and attendance officer.</p>	<p>The district may relinquish all student services to YCP and fully exit the student from the school system. A student may be recoded into the system if he/she earns a HISET®. Students have until October 1 of the academic year following their exit from school to earn the HISET® equivalency credential.</p>

For additional questions regarding YCP contact 1-800-CAMP-KID (toll free), 318-641-5803, or www.langycp.com. For questions on SCA, Course Choice or HISET, contact SCA@la.gov.