



Youth Needs Additional Assistance Policy

The Ozark Region, in accordance with WIOA SECTION 129(a)(1)(B)(VIII) which establishes that an eligibility criteria for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) is “a low income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment”, has developed the following policy.

Out of School Youth enrolled utilizing the “requires additional assistance” barrier must meet the following:

- Not attending any school
- 16-24 years of age
- Low Income individual who needs additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment

This is defined as individuals who:

- Have been recommended by a school counselor as needing additional services to become more proficient in the workplace through work-based learning opportunities or education to begin a career pathway leading to an in-demand occupation: or
- Needs work-based learning opportunities or opportunity to obtain credential to be considered for employment based on feedback from an employer that will lead to advanced career opportunities; or
- Living in rural areas with limited access to services.

As with the Out-of-School Youth described in the **response above**, the Board will define the “In-School Youth who require additional assistance” through application of WIOA eligibility guidelines, which is reflected below.

The criteria for In-School youth is as follows:

- Attending any school
- 14-21 years of age
- Low Income who needs additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment

This is defined as individuals who:

- Have been recommended by a school counselor as needing additional services to become more proficient in the workplace through work-based learning opportunities or education to begin a career pathway leading to an in-demand occupation: or



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- Needs work-based learning opportunities or opportunity to obtain credential to be considered for employment based on feedback from an employer that will lead to advanced career opportunities; or
- Living in rural areas with limited access to services.