**Section 702.220 Education**

a) Introduction

1) An educational program must be established, partly as a requirement of State law for persons under 16 years of age, but, most importantly, as a continuance of the learning process to improve the youth's chances for reentry into society as a contributing member. It is essential that detention care include a school program based on a sound philosophy of education. During the course of instruction, a teacher must associate himself with the youth's apprehensiveness and uneasiness.

2) The detention facility school teacher should find himself teaching interpersonal relationships and youth self-appreciation ahead of subject matter. The primary need of a student who has experienced persistent failure is a need to feel he is important as a person and is accepted by his peers.

b) Minimum Standards

1) Education

A regular schedule of academic instruction and related educational services appropriate to the needs of each individual shall be provided for detained youth.

A) A detention facility shall operate a school program, with appropriately qualified teachers provided by the public school system.

B) The schedule of instruction and activities shall be operated 12 months a year.

2) Objectives

The objectives of each school program shall be clearly defined in writing, reflecting the value of each activity.

3) Curriculum

The curriculum must supply instruction in the basic subjects.

A) A youth's own school shall be immediately notified of his detention status. (Detention school attendance is credited on the youth's parent school attendance record.)

B) A summary report describing a youth's school strengths, weaknesses, accomplishments, and adjustment shall be forwarded to the probation officer for inclusion as a part of the social study.

C) A collection of or access to a library of materials in regard to career requirements and opportunities shall be available.

4) Class Size

Class size shall not exceed 15 students per teacher.

A) Classes shall be coeducational.

B) Remedial classes shall be limited to a maximum of five students.

5) Classroom Size

Classrooms shall provide no less than 150 square feet for the teacher and 20 square feet per student per room.

A) Toilet and washbasin facilities must be located in or near the classroom.

B) Each classroom shall be equipped with adequate shelf and storage space.

C) Equipment and supplies shall be of similar quality and quantity as provided in public school facilities.

6) Arts and Crafts Room

Arts and crafts activities requiring special equipment, i.e., pottery, woodshop, shall have a special room provided.

A) Special equipment shall have safety devices available and safety operational signs posted.

B) Each youth shall be given a safety orientation lecture before using equipment.

C) Secure storage areas shall be provided for tools, supplies, and unfinished projects.

D) Tools shall be inventoried at the end of each class session.

7) Teaching Qualifications

Teacher personnel shall be qualified by training and certified by the State of Illinois, Department of Registration and Education.

8) School Exempt Youth

Separate activities for school exempt youth shall be established.

c) Recommendations

1) Teacher personnel should be qualified by training in special education and experience in dealing with difficult or disturbed youth.

2) Volunteers should be encouraged to assist youth in need of remedial assistance.

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