

Inmate Classes

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office to offer educational courses to eligible inmates.

Persons Affected

Corrections staff

Policies Affected

This policy cancels Whatcom County Jail policy 512.

Course Offerings

Course offerings will be subject to need, available resources, security concerns, available space and inmate classification.

Courses may include:

- GED
- Basic job search skills
- Housing services
- Substance abuse
- Domestic violence

Inmate Requests

Inmates may request participation in any course by filling out an Inmate Request Form (kite) and forwarding the form to the shift sergeant or program instructor.

Eligibility Requirements

Only inmates classified as minimum or medium security risk may participate in courses. The shift sergeant may prohibit inmates who are classified as threats to the security of the facility or safety of staff or other inmates from attending courses.

High Security/Segregated Inmates

To the extent reasonably practicable, high security inmates and those held in segregation may receive individual instruction in the form of correspondence.

Materials

Introduction and distribution of course paperwork or textbooks into the facility is the responsibility of the instructor. The instructor will check with the shift sergeant for the appropriateness of any material introduced.

Facility Access

Instructors must be screened for access prior to admittance into the facility - reference policies Facility Access and Volunteer Program.