



New Beginnings Learning Center
750 N. Chambers Road, Aurora, CO 80011
Grades: k-8
Director: Detrice Brown

Detrice Brown is passionate about helping students succeed in their education and understands the distractions that can occur in a traditional learning environment.

“Students are so often deterred from their educational pursuits by the social aspect of school. They seek acceptance of others, rather than developing their minds and personalities,” says Ms. Brown, Director of Hope Online at New Beginnings Learning Center. “Hope Online offers students the opportunity to both develop academically and socially in a safe environment. The online curriculum creates a strong foundation for a student’s lifelong learning success.”

Established in the fall of 2007, Hope Online at New Beginnings serves youth living in Aurora. The Learning Center serves at-risk students who lag behind their peers, specifically helping develop the skills necessary for these students to become proficient and excel past their grade level.

“Many of the Hope Online students at New Beginnings Learning Center have had experiences that create a detrimental impact on their studies,” says Ms. Brown. “Many students come from low-income families where the primary caretaker is a grandparent.”

Aside from social development issues, the Hope Online students at New Beginnings Learning Center struggle in reading, writing and math. However, Hope Online’s curriculum allows students to learn at a pace that fits their individual needs. “All students learn differently,” reports Ms. Brown. “Some students take longer to comprehend subject matter than others. Some do not retain the information as easily. Hope Online allows students to master their subjects at their own pace. I consider this student-centered model the most valuable aspect of an online educational option.”

“We have a 1st grader who, upon enrollment, could not recite words or recognize numbers past 50. She now reads at the grade level appropriate for her age and completes addition and subtraction of sums well past 50. We also have a kindergartener who could not distinguish the letters of the alphabet. After only a short period of one-on-one tutoring, he now writes out words and spells correctly,” adds Ms. Brown

“Each day, our staff is inspired at the academic achievement of our students,” concludes Ms. Brown. “We want them to develop academically and socially. We strive to help them find confidence in themselves and their ability to thrive in and out of the classroom.”

Learning Center Administration

Detrice Brown - Director and Lead Mentor

Detrice Brown had aspirations to work with children even while working in the corporate world at IBM. Now, in her second year as a Learning Center Direct, Ms. Brown demonstrates her commitment to helping students build a solid academic foundation. Ms. Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and two Master of Arts in Christian Education and Church Administration from Minnesota Graduate School of Theology in Brooklyn, MN.

Hope Online Teacher

Barbara Pagano – Hope Online Teacher

Barbara Pagano is a highly skilled and effective Colorado licensed teacher who brings years of experience to Hope Online. She has worked for the Cherry Creek and Jefferson County school districts, primarily as a secondary education teacher. Ms. Pagano earned a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics Education from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO and a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of Colorado at Denver in Denver, CO.