



Redeemer Learning Center
3400 West Nevada Place, Denver, CO 80219
Grades: k-8
Director: Kurt Schilling

When Pastor Kurt Schilling heard about Hope Online, he knew that it would be a great opportunity to serve the at-risk youth in his community. “We were always looking for ways to increase academic opportunities for students who may otherwise not succeed in a traditional school environment,” says Pastor Schilling. “I worked with underserved youth in Chicago where I began to understand that at-risk students often lack structure in their homes and in school.”

In a predominately Hispanic neighborhood, Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center (RLLC) has two locations serving students from kindergarten to eighth grade. Most of the 65 students live in a low-income household with a single parent or grandparents. RLLC prides itself in giving the students, who are on average two to three years behind upon enrolling in Hope Online, the stable environment they may not have at home.

“Many of our students rely on their highly qualified Hope Online teacher and Learning Center mentors for the support they lack in their own family,” sympathizes Pastor Schilling. “Many do not have a support system or a role model who encourages them to excel in academics or succeed in life in general. In some extreme cases, alcohol, drugs and other factors takeover their home environment.”

Hope Online at RLLC specializes in expecting more from their students. They tirelessly work with students to customize learning plans, monitor progress, and provide one-on-one attention necessary for students to become proficient in their respective grade levels. The students are held accountable for their own successes while the support system at RLLC provides special tutoring for those in need. Sports and other activities are offered as a method of motivating students. Pastor Schilling also makes it possible to provide food everyday to the students. “We don’t have a lot of money, but we have more than many of our students and their families.”

Recently, two students, a brother and sister, along with their family, became homeless. After failing to show up at school for nearly two weeks, Pastor Schilling decided to find them; he did. The sister had taken on the role of mother while her mother was threatening suicide, but clinging to life. With the support network of RLLC, Pastor Schilling helped the family gain housing assistance. “If people feel they have some hope, they may work to a greater potential to succeed,” says PastorSchilling.

The siblings are again succeeding academically because of the added care from Pastor Schilling and his team; they display a sense of higher self-worth and hope for their future.

Pastor Schilling continues “I tell our mentors and staff, when they are discouraged or frustrated, to look at the progress of the students. What we are doing, we do for the children, their education and, ultimately, their success in life. I know we can make a difference in a student’s heart and mind. We change lives one child at a time; we change how they perceive themselves, their world and their future.”

Learning Center Administration

Kurt Schilling – Director

Pastor Kurt Schilling has dedicated his life to serving the educational needs of inner-city youth. He worked as teacher for nearly 15 years in Chicago, IL. Pastor Schilling, an ordained minister, is a graduate of a three-year Ministerial program at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

Hope Online Teacher

Robyn Wright – Hope Online Teacher

Robyn Wright is an energetic, passionate Colorado licensed teacher dedicated to serving the academic needs of children. After gaining classroom experience in the Denver, Jefferson County and Adams County school districts, Ms. Wright witnessed the positive impact of online education for students by working as a mentor at a Hope Online Learning Center. Her strong interest in supporting online students led Ms. Wright to join Hope Online as a highly qualified teacher. Ms. Wright earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO.