



SKYLANDS SCHOOL for the Exceptional

A PROGRAM OF THE PASSAIC COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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All students need to experience success.

Give them that chance in a program that works - SKYLANDS.

Skylands School is a full day program dedicated to providing the finest possible educational experience for children identified as Multiple Disabled and/or Medically Fragile. The mission of our school is to maximize each student's education by providing a highly structured, individualized, and caring learning environment. A transdisciplinary team approach is utilized whereby all team members - Special Education Teacher, Speech & Language Specialist, Occupational and Physical Therapist, Registered Nurse, Behavior Analyst, and Teacher Assistants - work together towards the development and implementation of curriculum to meet the unique needs of each student.

OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Nurturing and supportive atmosphere
- One-to-one and small group instruction based upon individual student needs
- Small class size (no more than 8 students)
- Registered nurse on site at all times
- A curriculum which follows the requirements outlined in the Core Curriculum Standards (CCCS) for the State of New Jersey
- A curriculum that provides for the development of:
 - Communication skills through the use of a Total Communication Approach including, but not limited to, basic sign language, The Picture Exchange System (PECS), and Augmentative/Alternative Communication
 - Cognitive skills
 - Fine and gross motor skills
 - Self-help skills
 - Social skills
 - Daily living skills
 - Assistive Technology
- Extensive sensory integration training in a multi-sensory environment
- Transdisciplinary support services included in tuition for Speech & Language therapy, Occupational therapy, and Physical therapy and Behavioral Consultation
- Daily communication and involvement with the home
- Positive personal relationship between staff, students, and their families
- Mobility Opportunities Via Education (M.O.V.E.)
- Flexible enrollment to accommodate students attending part-time or students transitioning back into their home district
- Availability of Extended School Year (4-hour school day)
 - Provides an additional opportunity for skill maintenance
 - Related services (Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies) maintained
 - Summer-Only option for not regularly attending students

This is the opportunity for a Multiply Disabled and/or Medically Fragile student to be placed in a full day school program that individualizes to meet each student's special needs throughout the school day.

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