



PROFILE: Shepard Schools are two state-approved private school programs providing a highly structured academic and social learning environment for classified middle school (*grades 5-8*) and high school (*grades 9-12*) students with behavioral and/or learning difficulties.



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Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy to Students

The Shepard Schools admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its admission policies, educational policies, scholarships, and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.



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OUR *mission*

ACCEPTANCE
achievement
KNOWLEDGE

Regardless of their social background, no matter how they present themselves to the world, all children want the same things in life—and at Shepard Schools, we strive to find the key that unlocks each student's individual potential, by providing a warm, nurturing environment in which self-esteem and personal growth can flourish.

The Shepard Schools mission is to provide the best quality education to our students, by stimulating the growth and development of their moral, creative, intellectual and athletic skills. Our goal is improved

performance, in the academic environment as well as social contexts—a positive change that allows students to return to the public school setting and/or achieve success in their post-secondary placements.

We achieve these goals through a system of continuous positive reinforcement, feedback, counseling intervention and individualized academic instruction—and we reinforce our commitment to these goals through a policy of communication among students, staff, parents and sending school districts.

Our Students

Students who attend Shepard School have generally been identified as struggling with a variety of behavioral and/or learning problems. These may include Aspergers' Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Depression and Anxiety Disorders, as well as concomitant learning problems.

These students typically demonstrate difficulty succeeding either academically or socially within a regular public middle school or high school setting.



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OUR *schools*

two
LOCATIONS

Shepard Schools are state-approved private school programs designed for students classified with behavioral and/or learning problems. Shepard Schools programs are available to students in middle school (*grades 5-8*) and high school (*grades 9-12*) who have experienced significant behavioral disabilities,

and for whom a highly structured behavior modification program is recommended. Shepard Schools programs incorporate all subject areas, as addressed in the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Transportation for students is provided by the sending public school districts.

Our Staff

Shepard Schools employ a full time Director, Principal, and Dean of Students, as well as Psychologists, a Learning Consultant, Social Workers, a Speech and Language Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist.

The Shepard Schools teaching staff is composed of highly qualified, fully certified educators in all subject areas, including Drama, Music and Art. Our faculty also features a Remediation Teacher, a Structured Learning Teacher, and at least two trained classroom aides in each classroom.

SHEPARD PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL



Shepard Preparatory High School is located in Morristown, NJ and implements a college preparatory curriculum (*Grades 9-12*).

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*Hours of operation are
8:20 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.*



SHEPARD SCHOOL

Shepard School located in Kinnelon, NJ includes a middle school program (*Grades 5-8*), and a high school program (*Grades 9-12*) with a vocationally oriented curriculum.

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OUR *programs*

CHALLENGING
strong
structured

SHEPARD PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

Shepard Preparatory High School is a program for students who function within the average to high average range intellectually, but require highly individualized instruction due to diverse and often complex emotional/behavioral issues.

Shepard Preparatory High School implements a college preparatory curriculum, which is aligned with the N.J. State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The majority of our students attend two and four year college programs after high school.

FIFTH YEAR *SCHOOL TO WORK* TRANSITION PROGRAM

The School to Work Program fosters independent life skills, and provides opportunities to help fifth year high school students develop the skills they need for transitioning to the world of work.

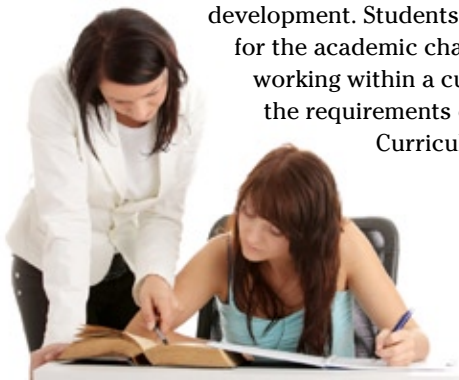
The students participate in job sampling, supported employment and self advocacy training. Instruction is provided in functional academics, independent/daily living skills and career awareness.

SHEPARD SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

(Grades-5-8)

This program employs a policy of appropriate intervention, with the aim of helping the behaviorally disabled middle school child to cope with the demands of the classroom during this crucial period in a child's social development. Students learn how to prepare for the academic challenges of high school, working within a curriculum that meets the requirements of the N.J. State Core Curriculum Content Standards.



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

(Grades 9-12)

This vocationally oriented program is designed for students with multiple disabilities, particularly acute learning and behavioral problems. Students in this program generally function below average intellectually, and require highly individualized instruction in their academics, as well as in their social interactions, daily living skills/activities and vocational development.

The program implements a curriculum which is aligned with the N.J. State Core Curriculum Content Standards. An emphasis is placed not only on academics, but also on preparation for post secondary experiences. We provide career exploration classes, work-study experiences, job sampling and job coaching.



OUR *clubs, &* ATHLETICS, *activities*

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Traditional Art
- Digital Photography and Video
- Music
- Drama
- Diversity Council

CLUBS

- Community Service Club
- Aerobics
- Chess Club
- Computer and Robotics Club
- Weightlifting Club
- Student Council
- Strategy Card Club
- Cinema Club
- Rocket Club
- Culinary Club

ATHLETICS

- Flag Football
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Wrestling
- Volleyball
- Softball

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Weightlifting Tournament
- Basketball Tournament
- Chess Tournament
- Foul Shot Competition
- Student Faculty Games
- Level 3 Pizza Lunches
- Level 3 Bagel Breakfast
- Field Trips
- Professional Sporting Events
- Broadway Shows
- Swimming
- Bowling
- Fishing
- Project Adventure
- Horseback Riding
- Assemblies
- Multicultural Events



OUR *difference*

DIVERSE
TESTED
supportive

HIGHLY STRUCTURED, INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Shepard Schools allows students to learn in a place that features an involved and caring staff of certified teachers and classroom aides, with a low student-to-teacher ratio. Our staff includes full time psychologists, social workers, school nurse and learning consultants. In addition, our campuses feature large classrooms, physical education facilities, library and state of the art media technology.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

Shepard Schools offers a variety of curriculums from Advanced Placement courses to vocationally oriented courses. Instruction is differentiated to address the learning requirements of each student. Additionally, we offer Supplemental Instruction and remediation in Mathematics and Reading.

DIVERSE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Shepard Schools offers all core curriculum subjects, with foreign language instruction, speech/ language therapy, occupational therapy and athletics. A full arts program is offered, including instruction in the arts, drama and musical instruments. Students participate in assemblies, seasonal events, art exhibitions, drama productions, chorus and talent shows.

PSAT, SAT, & ACT

Shepard Schools can administer the PSAT, SAT and ACT as well as the AP Exams on site. The SAT and the ACT is given multiple times during the school year.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Shepard Schools offers students access to classroom computers and computer labs, with state of the art equipment and supervised Internet activity. Shepard assigns an AlphaSmart computer for each student for the school year. These computers can be taken home to use for homework.

STATE MANDATED TESTING

Shepard administers the NJASK, HSPA, NJBCT (Biology), AHSA, (Algebra) and the APA.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

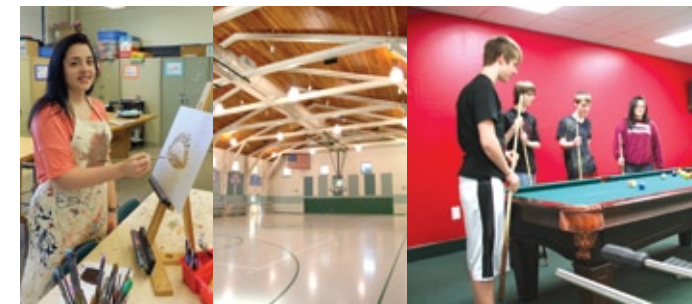
Parents are invited to attend Parent Support Groups which focus on various topics, including transition planning, parent training and other informational topic relevant to our students' unique concerns.

PARENT/TEACHER COLLABORATION

The teachers at Shepard School make weekly phone calls to the parent through out the school year, to report on the student's progress. Additionally, parents are encouraged to contact Shepard Schools whenever they need to share information about their students' needs.

PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Shepard Schools is able to offer Psycho-educational assessments to those students in need of transition testing in their junior and senior years.



BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT PLANS

A student's behavioral progress is monitored through the Shepard Behavior Modification Plan, *The Wolf Program*®. Students participate in a school wide behavior modification program that utilizes an empirically driven set of behavioral and social skills training strategies. The program is modified on an individual basis in order to meet the unique of needs of every student.

THE SHEPARD CHALLENGER PROGRAM

Shepard Preparatory High School sponsors a select group of student in their senior year to participate in the Challenger Program. Students are transported to the County College of Morris campus to take a college level class for credit during their regular school day. Students are introduced to the student support services programs on campus (Horizons) and are given academic help from the teachers while taking the college course.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

After school activities are available to students at Shepard Preparatory High School (Monday – Thursday) in Morristown. Students choose to participate in the After School Program voluntarily. Students can choose the number of days they would like to attend. A homework club, academic tutoring and a variety of recreational activities are offered.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

Shepard Schools offers a 30 day Extended School Year program which typically begins on July 1st. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program provides academics for reinforcement to prevent regression as well as to make up credit. Transition learning is emphasized through job sampling experiences and college exploration. Social skills training is provided daily, in addition to recreational activities.

OUR *Continuing* Commitment

TO STUDENTS

Shepard School places a keen emphasis on transitioning students back to public schools and/or achieving success in a mainstream post-secondary setting.

Students participate in a behavior modification program that stresses the rewards of academic diligence and good conduct, via a student ranking system with graduated privileges and tangible rewards. Students learn to view themselves as more capable at succeeding at school.



Shepard provides a unique, 5th to 8th grade "Transition to High School" class, designed for at-risk middle school students whose behavior interferes with the student's functionality in the public school setting. The class emphasizes the development of positive behavior, which in turns encourages academic growth and readiness for a high school program.

Students who stay at Shepard for their entire high school career are provided with guidance counseling with regard to career and post secondary planning. They are given Career Interest Inventories, and have the opportunity to take the SAT on our site, during the school day. Shepard Schools also works closely with students, parents, child study teams and other outside agencies (such as the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) to develop an appropriate graduation transition plan.

Most Shepard students continue on to college, ranging from community colleges to some of our nationally renowned universities. For students who choose a different career path, many enroll in advanced technical and vocational programs. Our goal is ensure that the opportunity to succeed is offered to each and every student.

Shepard meets the requirements of the N.J. State Core Curriculum Content Standards, the National Common Core Content Standards (NCCCS), and is accredited by the Middle States Association.

