

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



our MISSION



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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 School, 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.



Shepard School's mission is the enhancement of educational and social functioning of each student with an eye toward the successful reintegration into public school. This is achieved through a persistent system of positive reinforcement, feedback, counseling intervention and individualized academic instruction. Our goal is improved performance in the academic environment, as well as social contexts—a positive change that allows students to achieve success in the classroom and beyond.

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 generally struggle with a variety of behavioral and/or learning problems. These may include Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Mood and Anxiety Disorders, as well as concomitant learning problems. Our students typically demonstrate difficulty succeeding either academically or socially within a regular public elementary school setting.

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Shepard School is a state approved private school program designed for students classified with behavioral and/or learning problems. Shepard School has two programs, the Shepard Elementary School program, and the Shepard Middle School program, which are available to students who are experiencing significant behavioral disabilities, and for whom a highly structured behavior modification program is recommended. The Shepard School curriculum incorporates all subject areas, as addressed in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (*formerly called the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards*). Transportation for students is provided by the sending public school districts.

our STAFF

Shepard School employs a full time Director, Principal, and Dean of Students, as well as Doctoral Level Psychologists, Counselors, School Nurse, Social Workers, a Reading Specialist, a Speech and Language Therapist and an Occupational Therapist.

The Shepard School teaching and counseling faculty are composed of highly qualified New Jersey certified educators. Our faculty also features a Remediation Teacher and at least two trained classroom aides in each classroom.



our ACADEMICS

Shepard provides individualized academic and behavioral instruction embedded in a social development program that helps young students to acquire healthy, adaptive behavioral and academic skills.



Highly Structured, Individualized Learning Environment

Shepard School 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 supportive staff includes full time New Jersey certified Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, a School Nurse and Learning Consultants.

Our campus, in scenic Kinnelon, NJ, features large classrooms, physical education facilities, a library, scenic outdoor playgrounds and playing fields, a performance stage and state of the art media technology.



Differentiated Instruction

At Shepard School 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 School offers all core curriculum subjects, with speech/language therapy, and occupational therapy. 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.

Assistive Technology

Shepard School offers students access to classroom computers, laptops, smart tablets, and a computer lab with state of the art equipment and supervised Internet activity. Assistive technology is utilized to help expedite the students' unique learning needs.

Behavioral Assessment and 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 needs of each student.



Social Emotional Learning and Skills Development

Social emotional skills learning occurs throughout each school day via instruction in the classroom, counseling, infusion into our behavioral modification program, and using teachable moments to help generalize and reinforce skills. Additionally, students participate in both group and individual counseling sessions which focus on the development of adaptive communication, relationship building, social and interpersonal skills.



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After School Program

After school activities are available to students at Shepard School (Monday – Thursday). Participation in the After School Program is voluntary. Parents can choose the number of days they would like their child 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 program provides academic reinforcement and enrichment to prevent regression. Social skills are reinforced through intensive social skills instruction and recreational therapy.

Parent/Teacher Collaboration

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



OUR *clubs,*
ATHLETICS, &
 activities



Arts and Humanities

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

Athletic Recreation

- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Playground time
- Yoga, Movement, Dance
- Sport and Game Tournaments
- Foul Shot Competition

Clubs

- Art Club
- Game Club
- Computer and Robotics Club
- Lego Club
- Movie Club
- Rocket Club
- Cooking Club
- Jewelry Club
- Gym Club

Extracurricular Activities

- Student Faculty Games
- Level 3 Pizza Lunches
- Level 3 Bagel Breakfast
- Level 3 and Educational Field Trips
- Professional Sporting Events
- Broadway Shows
- Swimming
- Bowling
- Fishing
- Horseback Riding
- Assemblies
- Multicultural Events





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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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