

Cedars Academy

(Therapeutic Boarding School)



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Gender: Coeducational
 Ages: 11 to 20
 Grades: 6 to 12+
 Enrollment: 40
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Cedars Academy is a college preparatory boarding school for middle, high school and post secondary students with NLD and Asperger's Syndrome that embodies consistency and structure in a rigorous academic environment. The Cedars Academy emphasizes time management, accountability, and responsibility, personal and social awareness throughout the school and in the student's daily life. The academic curriculum is presented in small learning blocks which accommodates specific learning needs and styles, yet prepares students for success at the university level.

Cedars Academy student population is of average to above-average intellectual capacity but is not succeeding in other educational settings, usually because of their attention focusing, time management, or socialization problems. Cedars Academy specializes in youth that are:

- Ages 11 - 20
- Unsuccessful in traditional schools
- Struggling with learning difficulties including NLD & Aspergers Syndrome
- Lacking in the ability to read social cues or use appropriate social skills in the right environment
- Unaccepted by peers – seen as quirky or different
- Experiencing difficulty sequencing tasks
- Disorganized and lacking in executive functioning skills
- Often creative in some form of the arts (drawing, painting, drama, music)
- Exhibiting behaviors similar to Asperger's, depression, anxiety, or bipolar

Academic Enrichment partnered with social skills education in a natural environment. This includes a College Preparatory environment, academically geared towards needs of NLD and Asperger's students. Cedars uses a process approach to learning and the curriculum uses Multiple intelligences. We maintain a one to four student faculty ratio. Eligible students may take College Courses beginning Junior Year. There is room for weekly field trips at Cedars that include that may include trips to: theaters, museums and other cultural events locally and in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC; the seashore; camping trips to state parks in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware; and social skills enrichment through community involvement. Also, strongly part of our curriculum is allowing our students to express themselves through creativity.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: State of Delaware, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families; The Commission on International and Transitional Accreditation; Approved by SEVIS

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; CHADD