Elan School

(Boarding School)

Member Since: 1999

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Gender:	Coeducational
Ages:	12 to 19
Grades:	8 to 12
Enrollment:	60
Duration:	30 months
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At Elan School, our purpose is not to change an ill-behaved child into a well-behaved child, but rather to return home a responsible young adult. We combine firm structure and individualized attention with the goal of mainstreaming our students back into high school, technical school, college, or directly into employment. Students receive the help they need to get their lives back on track and achieve goals they never thought would be within their reach.

Elan has rolling admissions. Our students stay an average of 26 to 32 months and live on campus all year. Elan follows State of Maine credit requirements for granting high school diplomas. Scheduling classes during evening hours allows students to work through behaviors that interfere with concentration and learning during the day; thereby arriving in class prepared to focus. Elan is a closed SAT testing site and approximately 80 % of our students go on to college.

Elan's intensive life skills program incorporates groups, family meetings and conferences, together with individual meetings as needed. Elan is a positive peer pressure-mediated therapeutic community. The negative peer group which had rewarded disruptive behavior, opposition to authority and academic failure is replaced by a positive peer group that holds students accountable for their own behavior and rewards them for academic achievement, increased maturity and responsibility for their own actions. Promotions within the job hierarchy depend not only upon actual job functioning, but also upon social-emotional growth as well as academic performance and effort. Classes and groups are purposely kept small in order to maximize both student to student and student to staff interaction.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes
Accreditation, Licensure: State of Maine, Department of Education; Approved by SEVIS; Approved as Chapter 766 School in MA
Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; MADSEC; MPA