

# Hidden Lake Academy

(Therapeutic Boarding School)



**Member Since:** 1999

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Gender: Coeducational  
 Ages: 13 to 18  
 Grades: 7 to 12  
 Enrollment: 120  
 Duration: 15 - 18 months  
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Hidden Lake Academy (HLA), located on a 215-acre campus one hour north of Atlanta, helps young people make significant gains in emotional maturity and academic achievement. Integral to the HLA program is an equal emphasis on the college-preparatory academic curriculum and student's therapeutic work. The Hidden Lake Academy staff members cooperate to help students develop all aspects of their lives: physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual. The 10:1 student to teacher ratio ensures individual attention and a return to academic success.

Typical students exhibit oppositional-defiant behavior, low self-esteem, depression, ADHD, deteriorating family relationships, and are making poor choices. Students typically graduate Hidden Lake Academy's therapeutic program with a greatly increased ability and motivation to make decisions that will positively impact their lives.

Hidden Lake Academy utilizes a detailed, sequential therapeutic program which allows for a high degree of program accountability. Each group consists of 14 students and is led by a Master's-level counselor. Students participate in daily group counseling sessions (7 hours). In addition to group therapy, an addictions education course, planned and staffed by specialists in this field, is included in each student's experience. A wilderness component-consisting of a series of exciting and challenging experiences including day hikes, adventure trips, rock climbing and rappelling days, a ropes course, and canoeing is carefully integrated into a program. A staff chaplain provides ample opportunities for spiritual development for students of all faiths and coordinates extensive community services projects and numerous off-campus trips. HLA competes in the Atlanta Athletic Conference. Students participate in basketball, volleyball, baseball, soccer, wrestling, tennis, softball, golf and track. Sports are balanced by strong Drama and Fine Arts Departments.

**Individual Psychotherapy Available:** Yes, Consulting Psychiatrist

**Accreditation, Licensure:** Georgia Department of Human Resources, Child Caring Institution; Southern Association of Accredited Schools (SAIS-SACS); The Georgia Accrediting Commission; approved by SEVIS

**Professional Affiliations:** NATSAP-Full Member; GAIS; GAPSEC; GISA; NAIS; SSATB