

Montana Academy

(Therapeutic Boarding School)



Member Since: 1999

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Gender: Coeducational
 Ages: 14 to 17
 Grades: 9 to 12
 Enrollment: 70
 Duration: 18 to 24 months
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Montana Academy is a private therapeutic boarding school for young people ages 14 to 17 at crisis points in their lives. Many of our students have endured traumas, struggled with learning difficulties, school or social failure. Many have emotional symptoms which have disrupted their ability to function on a day-to-day basis.

The program combines a college preparatory high school curriculum with a professional treatment program. It is unique in its quality of training and experience with five doctoral level clinicians, including two full-time psychiatrists, as well as four experienced masters level clinicians. Staff seek to formulate a clear, clinical understanding of each child's developmental difficulties and to permeate our program with the appropriate response to promote growth. Our common goal is a sustained momentum in all aspects of a child's development.

We combine an emotional growth curriculum, designed for young people with psychological difficulties, with a dual academic curriculum that is suited to students disenchanted and disengaged from conventional classrooms. Our academic program, informed by the acclaimed Project CRISS, teaches students the study skills they need to enhance learning and explore personal growth. The treatment program based on single-sexed "teams" of 10-12 students utilizes individual, group and family therapy as well as milieu therapy in recreationally-based activities, student work responsibilities and the community. Challenging students to reflect upon their personal histories and stages in life, our emotional growth curriculum teaches and encourages students to make sense of parents and families. Experiential and wilderness opportunities link the learning process with academic content in valued community work and challenging outdoor adventure in the awesome beauty of Montana.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: Montana, Board of Private Alternative Adolescent Resident or Outdoor Programs; Joint Commission; Registered with Montana Association of Alternative Private Programs; Northwest Association of Accredited Schools; Approved by SEVIS

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member