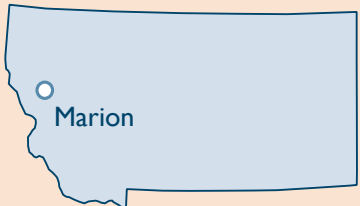


Montana Academy (Therapeutic Boarding School)

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NATSAP Member Since: 1999	 Airport: Glacier Int'l Airport (FCA/KGPI)

Montana Academy is a private therapeutic boarding school for troubled teenagers. We take a distinctive psychiatric approach to adolescent troubles. We recognize that many presenting symptoms and misbehaviors - at school, at home and among social peers - result from a relative immaturity. For this reason we pursue a two-step diagnosis and dual treatment: a) to identify and then to remove, in so far as possible, the obstacles to psychological development and b) to prod students to achieve new psychological milestones and so to restore the momentum of normal maturation. These twin developmental goals require a co-ordinated and sustained effort. We also recognize that addictions emerge from developmental struggles and our three-phase Addiction Studies program, designed especially for adolescents, augments individual, group and family therapeutic work.

We combine an emotional growth program, designed for young people with psychological difficulties, with a dual academic curriculum that is suited to bright students disenchanted and disengaged from the conventional classroom. Adolescent maturity is the central goal for Montana Academy's school. We think that young people become truly effective students only if they grow up emotionally, cognitively and ethically, and only if they integrate these aspects of personality into vigorous participation in the classroom. In short, we believe that academic achievement is linked, in the broadest sense, to character development. Rather than drill for mastery of course content we assist students in becoming responsible for their own learning so that our graduates can perform with distinction in any demanding college and will go on learning for the rest of their lives.

Our students complete the first year on campus and then move into one of 5 houses in Kalispell where they attend either Flathead Valley Community College or Flathead High School for a further 6-9 months in order to facilitate a supported, integrated transition to the next phase of their lives.

Experience teaches that students can make little progress unless their parents join our staff in a close, constructive alliance. They are involved in workshops and bi-monthly visits to campus. We strongly recommend that they engage in their own therapeutic work which supports their child's treatment.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes
Accreditation, Licensure: State of Montana, Board of Private Alternative Adolescent Resident or Outdoor Programs; Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; Northwest Accreditation Commission; National Independent Private School Association; Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member