Whetstone Academy
(Therapeutic Boarding School)

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NATSAP Member Since: 2018

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Gender: Male, including transgender
Ages: 10 - 15
Grades: 5 - 9
Enrollment: 24
Duration: 12 months
Founded: 2011



Airport: Spartanburg/Greenville, SC (GSP)

Founded in 2011, Whetstone Academy is a CARF and AdvancED accredited therapeutic boarding school for young students. Tucked away in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains near the Chattooga River in South Carolina, our 57-acre campus boasts a lake for recreation and an active farm with many animals and birds. We proudly serve students in grades five through nine at time of admission. As a therapeutic boarding school, our vision is to provide a safe and dynamic setting where students can develop the needed tools to have effective skills and strategies for life; a "launching pad" where, through four areas: Behavioral, Academic, Social, and Emotional where our young students gain the skills to be successful in life.

At Whetstone Academy, students experience change and growth through an integrative program of individualized and group therapy, as well as academics that recognizes the needs of the whole child. Utilizing adult-guided peer interactions, students are encouraged to re-examine and rethink their perceptions of the world and to recognize and appreciate the opportunities that life holds for them.

Our program focuses on development of personal responsibility and commitment to family, school, and community through a relationship-based model. Our expressive arts therapy program offers extensive opportunities for healthy self-expression and creativity. Our progressive, accredited, college preparatory academic curriculum is designed to assess age, interests, and learning styles, while developing individual schedules that stimulate each child to rediscover the excitement of learning.

Whetstone's mission as a therapeutic boarding school is to guide students in establishing a secure BASE (behavioral, academic, social, and emotional skills) with an emphasis on relationships through a farm-based model.

Accreditation, Licensure: *Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); Cognia*
Professional Affiliations: *NATSAP - Full Member; NATSAP Research Designated Program (RDP) - BRONZE*