

Our goal is to be the best at helping your child fulfill their potential.

At the Calais School we focus on what each child can do, helping them turn "can't" into "can."

We know every child has strengths, gifts and potential. We are committed to cultivating the potential of every student, making a difference, one child at a time.



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

The Extended School Year (ESY) Program is a half-day summer program that features the same safe, nurturing environment students experience at Calais throughout the year. So much more than a summer camp, ESY incorporates academics, social skills and counseling with field trips, project-based learning and summer fun. ESY helps keep students on the road to success and prevent academic and social regression.

INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS

The Calais School is a state-approved Clinic and Agency that offers comprehensive evaluations in order to create a personalized learning profile. The evaluations and services offered assist parents, professionals and school districts create effective education programs and plans for their students.

SHORT TERM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.)

Our short-term (1-3 month) educational and therapeutic program is designed to provide immediate assessment, instruction and counseling for parents and districts struggling to find an appropriate placement for their students. This approach helps alleviate a student's immediate problems in their current placement and provides a thorough evaluation to help ensure long-term success.



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WELCOME TO



The
**Calais
School**
PRE-K TO 12 PLUS



MAKING A DIFFERENCE
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It can be overwhelming for families to deal with the challenges presented by a child with special needs. The Calais School was founded over 40 years ago to help families meet those challenges on every level by providing a safe, nurturing environment for each child to learn, grow and improve. Our staff is committed to helping each student reach their fullest potential.

Students ages 3-21 come to Calais by referral from school districts and concerned parents throughout northern New Jersey. Therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists and other health professionals refer students on a regular basis.

The Calais School provides innovative academic and behavioral strategies tailored to each student. The curriculum meets or exceeds the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. We offer the only program for gifted and talented students with special needs in our Twice Exceptional Program.



“We wanted to say thank you for your commitment and effort in teaching and guiding our son... he grew and developed under your guidance, until he was ready to go to the mainstream full time. My husband and I are so grateful that we found Calais School. You carried us through some of the toughest times in Nathaniel’s development.”

—Hannah B.



PRE-K

The Pre-K program features a stimulating and structured learning environment complete with computers, learning stations and creative play areas. The Calais School utilizes the state-approved High Scope curriculum, which promotes social, language and cognitive development in students. Children ages 3-5 can participate in half-day or full-day programs designed to maximize early intervention services and ease transition to Kindergarten.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary school programs teach the basics through a fun, engaging curriculum supported by technology. Physical education and occupational therapy build motor skills, focus and confidence. Music, art and theater encourage self-expression and personal growth.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our middle school curriculum helps ease the transition to high school in a safe, therapeutic, self-contained classroom. In the 6th and 7th grade, students begin to participate in sports teams, world languages and computer classes. Our 8th grade curriculum features a modified high school schedule to ensure a smooth transition to high school.

HIGH SCHOOL

World languages, advanced science and accelerated math programs prepare students for higher education and the workforce. Students explore Career and Technical Education tracks, participate in Structured Learning Experiences and hone work and social skills through internship opportunities.

12 PLUS PROGRAM

Many special needs students benefit from a transitional program to bridge the gap between high school, college and career. The 12 Plus program allows students ages 18-21 to prepare for the next step in a safe, nurturing and encouraging environment.



FINE and PERFORMING ARTS

Opportunities are available for all students. The music program conducts winter and spring concerts featuring our symphonic band, jazz band and chorus. Individual and group lessons are available to middle and high school students participating in the music program. Visual art classes encourage students to use imaginative skills and creative expression, working with a variety of media. Advanced art instruction and an art major are available for students completing professional portfolios.

CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) allows students to explore career options and gain skills to compete in the workforce. Students pursue career tracks in child care, digital arts, floral & landscape design, culinary arts, general business practices and media communication. CTE prepares students to enter the workforce through strong academic content and skills-based learning. Structured learning experiences and internships in the business community help students build workplace readiness skills. Daily instruction is enriched through interactive workshops and presentations from industry professionals.

COUNSELING and SPECIAL SERVICES

Services such as counseling, occupational therapy, speech therapy, reading support, and integrated social skills provide support in every area required by a special needs child. Group social skills counseling sessions help students express themselves in a group, navigate peer relationships, and resolve conflicts. Counseling and parent support workshops are available to the families of each student.

ANIMAL ADAPTIVE THERAPY™

Our service dogs are trained to adapt to each student and assist in a variety of therapies and interventions. Our service dogs and handlers, certified through Merlin’s KIDS, work as highly-trained teams: the service dog detects chemical and energy changes in students and the certified handler interprets these signals to address each situation. Working with service dogs helps students develop language and social skills, reduces stress, anxiety, and depression, and motivates through positive reinforcement and unconditional love.

