

## **Our School**

Nestled in the heart of New Jersey, Chancellor Academy stands as a beacon of hope and excellence for middle and high school students with special needs. Recognized and licensed by the New Jersey Department of Education and accredited by the prestigious Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, we are an Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSD), committed to providing a nurturing and dynamic learning environment. Since our founding in 1983, Chancellor Academy has been at the forefront of special education, offering a sanctuary where public school special education departments, child advocates, and families find the ideal educational setting for students requiring specialized attention. Our approval for out-of-district placements underscores our capability to cater to a broad spectrum of special needs, ensuring every student finds their path to success within our walls.

### **Core Values**

- We believe that our students will learn and grow to their fullest potential in a supportive and nurturing atmosphere.
- We believe that emotional growth is as important to a student's education as academic progress.
- We believe that we should respect the individuality of each student and protect his or her self-esteem at all times.
- We believe that open and productive communication between the student, the family and the school is essential to student success.
- We believe that we must teach students to appreciate, accept and understand the differences in the peoples and cultures of the world.
- We believe that each student is a unique individual who possesses both dignity and worth and is entitled to an equal opportunity to succeed.
- We believe that through participation in community service activities students will develop the qualities of good citizenship and make a positive contribution to society.
- We believe students must feel safe in order to take chances and risk failure as a prerequisite to growth.
- We believe that it is Chancellor's responsibility to provide individualized academic instruction to meet the specific learning needs of our students.
- We believe that real life experiences provide invaluable growth and insight to prepare students for 21st century careers.

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# School Profile

# Our Philosophy and Mission Statement

Chancellor Academy is a New Jersey Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSD) that serves nontraditional 6th-12th grade students from diverse communities who have been unable to achieve success in reaching their true potential in other educational settings

The Mission of Chancellor Academy is to provide clinical care and individualized instruction to assist students in acquiring the necessary skills, attitudes, opportunities and experiences so that they may mature emotionally, develop socially, and progress academically according to their level of ability in order to become productive global citizens.

# **Profile of Our Graduates**

#### **Foundation Knowledge and Skills**

The Chancellor Academy graduate should possess a solid academic foundation in the areas of language arts/literacy, mathematics, the sciences, United States and world history, Spanish language, physical education and health, technology, career awareness and the arts.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be able to think critically, to solve problems, and to apply their foundation knowledge and skills to real life situations.

#### **Interpersonal Skills**

The Chancellor Academy graduate will develop and improve his/her interpersonal communication skills.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be able to express his or her feelings in a calm, appropriate manner and to resolve conflicts in a satisfactory manner.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be able to develop and maintain positive relationships with peers, authority figures and others.

#### **Career Readiness Skills**

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be ready to make the transition to post-secondary endeavors.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should demonstrate reliability, a professional demeanor, and a positive work ethic.

The Chancellor Academy graduate will be able to develop a resume, utilize a variety of career search engines, seek employment, be prepared to successfully participate in all interview scenarios, responsibly meet all career/educational expectations to maintain employment, and continue their academic growth.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should utilize all constructive guidance to continue their emotional, educational, and career growth.

#### **Personal Qualities**

The Chancellor Academy graduate should demonstrate self-control, respect for self and others, pride, and responsibility for his/her actions.

The Chancellor Academy graduate will be able to make ethical decisions and choices and to accept the consequences of the choices he/she makes.

#### **Technology Knowledge and Skills**

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be able to use technology for a variety of purposes including research and career exploration.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be able to apply technology skills to everyday life situations.

#### **Citizenship Qualities and Skills**

The Chancellor Academy graduate will be able to contribute positively to the community, engage in community service, and be a role model to younger peers.

The Chancellor Academy graduate should be respectful of the rights and property of others, and be accepting of cultural and individual differences.

# **Our History**

Since its inception, Chancellor Academy has been a cornerstone in the education of 6th to 12th-grade students from varied backgrounds, providing a beacon of hope for those who have struggled to find their footing in conventional educational settings. Our mission extends beyond mere academics; we strive to unlock the true potential within each student, offering a path to success that respects their unique journey.

At the heart of our approach is the meticulous implementation of each student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP), encompassing behavior modification and management programs tailored to their specific needs. This bespoke educational strategy is crafted in strict adherence to the Laws of the United States and the State of New Jersey. By fostering a collaborative environment with the student's Child Study Team and their Parent(s) / Guardian(s), we ensure a supportive and holistic educational experience.

Our curriculum is meticulously designed to meet, and often exceed, New Jersey's requirements for high school graduation, ensuring that our students are not just prepared academically but are also well-rounded individuals ready to face the challenges of the future. Chancellor Academy is duly approved by the New Jersey Department of Education to administer New Jersey State Assessments with necessary modifications and accommodations. Furthermore, in recognition of our high standards, the College Board has authorized us to administer the PSAT and SAT, ensuring our students have the accommodations they need to perform at their best.