



ESPERANZA
COMMUNITY SERVICES



THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL

Supporting students in reaching their full potential to lead fulfilling, independent lives.

Esperanza Therapeutic Day School aims to provide support for special education students in Illinois by developing individualized educational programs for students aged 5 through 21 years old. At Esperanza, our interdisciplinary team of special education professionals teaches academic, behavioral, communication, functional daily living, and social-emotional skills in order to support our students in reaching their highest level of independence.

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STUDENT-TO-STAFF RATIO



ISBE Approved

Our Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approved program allows us to provide services to students with Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Developmental Delays, Traumatic Brain Injuries, Other Health Impairments, and Emotional Disabilities.



Using Applied Behavior Analysis

Esperanza School tailors plans for each student and employs ABA to reduce maladaptive behaviors while promoting social alternatives. With a high staff-to-student ratio, we provide both individual and small group instruction, with the assistance of both BCBA's and RBTs, for optimal learning.





Support You Can Trust

Additionally, our related services team (Social Work, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy) provides direct skill instruction integrated inside and outside of the classroom, as well as in the community.



Enrollment

All student referrals start with your child's IEP team. However, if you are interested in learning more about Esperanza School and scheduling a tour, please contact School Principal Anne Hellmer, Ed.S., NCSP, at ahellmer@esperanzaschool.org.



“Being a part of Esperanza’s music program has been truly life changing. I’ve always felt called to use music to make a difference, and working with these incredible students has been an absolute gift. Watching them grow and flourish each week in our music classes is nothing short of inspiring!”

–James, Esperanza
Music Teacher

OUR MISSION

Esperanza Community Services empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their fullest potential by fostering independence, inclusion, and personal growth. Through compassionate support, innovative programs, and collaborative community partnerships, we strive to create opportunities that enhance the quality of life for those we serve and their families.



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