



## 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 socialemotional skills in order to support our students in reaching their highest level of independence.



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 BCBAs 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

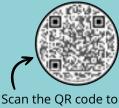
### **OUR MISSION**

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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