

Educational Services Commission of Morris County

Regional Day School

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ESC MISSION STATEMENT:

The Educational Services Commission of Morris County believes that parents and school personnel should work together to achieve an optimal learning experience for all our children.

POPULATION AND AGE SERVED

RDS is a nurturing school environment for multiply disabled children 3 -21, grades Pre-K through High School who require a low student to staff ratio. Our school addresses each child's IEP requirements and focuses on functional academics, prevocational and life skills, and therapies; all of which are integrated into our program.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- Functional Academics
- Creative Art
- Interactive Music classes
- Adaptive Physical Education
- Computer Assisted Learning
- Social Skills
- Recreational Skills
- Personal Hygiene Skills

SPECIALIZED CLASSES:

Activities of Daily Living – taught in a studio apartment

Pre-vocational Skills - taught in a simulated workshop

Job Sampling-a Community Based Learning Program - students work at local businesses to develop work skills.

ENHANCEMENTS TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Our Instructional Program is enhanced by exposing our students to many typical situations and peers through-

- Numerous field trips
- Boy and Girl Scout meetings and activities
- Visits to and from local schools
- Annual Prom
- Traditional Graduation
- Fashion Show and Talent Show featuring our students
- Therapy Dog
- Celebrating Holidays in traditional ways
- Enrichment clubs – twice a week
- Daily communication with parents through communication books and phone calls.
- Extended School Year
- Parents are encouraged to visit the school and especially to accompany their child on field trips.
- PTEC - Parent & Teachers of Exceptional Children – actively involved with our school

THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

Therapies are integrated into the entire school curriculum.

Therapists work collaboratively cross-discipline and with the teaching staff. We offer-

- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- Therapeutic Swimming program
- Fully equipped Therapy Room
- Sensory Room
- Wheelchair and Orthotics Clinics
- Sensory Integration
- Sensory Diets
- Auditory Processing Listening Therapy
- **Speech and Language Therapy**
- Feeding and Swallowing therapy
- Oral-Motor Therapy
- A total communication system is used at RDS;
 - PICs (Pictures in Communication system)
 - Simple Sign Language
 - Augmentative Communication Devices - basic single switch to the more intricate Dynavox.
 - Computer assisted communication

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Grandparents' Day twice a year

Sibling Day

Sibling Support Groups

Parent Support Groups

Parent information nights (legal issues, financial planning, DDD information)

Pet Therapy

School Store and Mobile Market

Enrichment clubs

MEDICALLY-BASED SERVICES

- Two full time registered nurses with pediatric hospital experience
 - Medications dispensed
 - Gastric Tube Feeding
 - Seizure monitoring and management
 - Diabetes Testing and administration of insulin
 - Ongoing communication with parents
- Hearing Screening
- Dental Screening by NJ Dentistry for the Disabled
- Vision Screening by the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Twice-weekly visits by the educational consultant from NJ Com. for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Consulting Neuro-Developmental Pediatrician
- Scoliosis Screening by our physician
- Social Work services