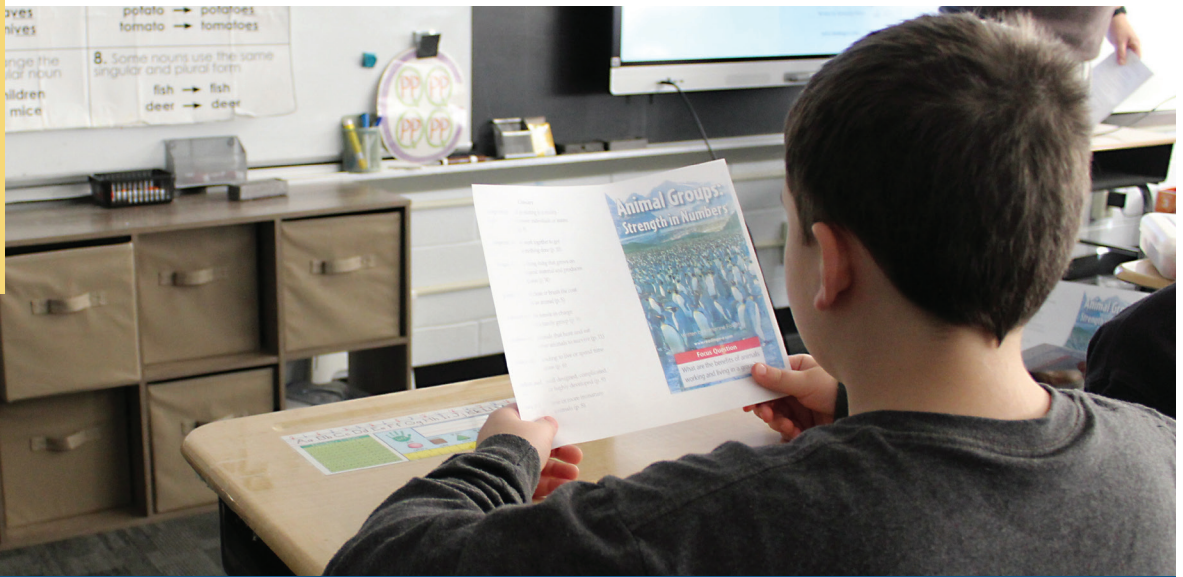




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# Private Academic Licensed Programs

At River Rock Academy, we pride ourselves on being a transformative learning environment where students are empowered to embrace positive changes, and achieve their fullest potential. River Rock Academy provides an opportunity for students in grades K-12 who need extra support in the classroom setting through our Private Licensed Academic School (PAL) program. PAL provides a smaller setting for students to excel academically and behaviorally. There are no more than 12 students in a classroom, and all teachers hold a Pennsylvania Certificate in Special Education or a Private Licensed Academic Certificate. River Rock Academy manages the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Keystone testing while students are attending our programming. All state mandated tests are ordered by River Rock Academy and proctored by the staff.

## Elementary School

Grades K-6 Special or General Education

Primary Disability Categories:

- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Other Health Impairment

## High School

Grades 7-12 Special Education Only

Primary Disability Categories:

- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Other Health Impairment

## Elementary School

- Awareness of Self & Others
- “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully”
  - Coping Skills
  - Managing Emotions
- Getting Along with Others
- Respect & Responsibility
  - Self-Regulation
  - Growth Mindset

## High School

- Conflict Resolution
- Problem Solving
- Effective Decision-Making
- Communication
- Anger Management
  - People Skills
- Suicide Prevention

## Counseling

Therapeutic support is a cornerstone of our program. Each student is assigned to a clinical staff supervised by a Licensed Social Worker. Students receive individual and small group counseling, as well as participating in daily Social Skills classes. The counseling focuses on the student successfully progressing in the program and in areas such as attendance, academics, and behavior.

High school students are offered an additional tiered level of small group counseling conducted by the clinical staff focusing on specific topics such as:

- Emotional Regulation
- Grief & Loss
- Coping Skills
- Positive Self-Image
- Drug & Alcohol Education
- Intrapersonal Skills

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### **Community Partnership Program**

All River Rock Academy students who display appropriate social skills will have the opportunity to work as volunteers within the community based on our network of community partners and resources.

### **Attendance Procedure**

River Rock Academy students are expected to attend the program daily. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if their child is going to be absent and provide a note for any absence. If there are excessive absences and a School Attendance Improvement Plan is needed, River Rock Academy staff will contact all parties involved to schedule a meeting and develop the plan.

### **Family Involvement**

Families are strongly encouraged to participate at River Rock Academy, as it is vital to their child's success. It is an expectation that parents attend all scheduled meetings. They will be educated about program expectations and encouraged to provide feedback and communicate regularly with River Rock Academy staff. River Rock Academy realizes that family involvement is critical to the success of the youth and the program and does everything in its power to include families in the process.

### **Other Things to Know**

#### **Transportation**

River Rock Academy students are transported to school by arrangement of the referring school district.

#### **Meals**

Each day lunch is provided through the host school district. Students who qualify for a free or reduced meal can continue to receive this while attending River Rock Academy.

#### **Schedule**

River Rock Academy utilizes In-Service Days throughout the year and operates 185 days per year. When inclement weather arises, River Rock Academy closely follows the host school district where the building is located for closings and delays.



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