



What You Can Expect

Stepping Stone School provides all students, a state certified program, with a curriculum aligned to fulfill, and surpass, the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCS). In addition, Stepping Stone School complies with The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). We provide:

- ◆ Individualized instruction in small class settings with certified special education teachers and at least one full time certified aide in each classroom.
- ◆ Individual and group counseling for students.
- ◆ Speech correction
- ◆ Developing independent life skills
- ◆ School-to-work skills and career awareness
- ◆ IEP driven academic instruction consistent with core curriculum standards at skill levels ranging from beginning literacy to college prep
- ◆ Behavior modification for personal responsibility development and problem solving
- ◆ Recognition for achievements great and small
- ◆ Support and encouragement with every endeavor the child attempts
- ◆ College preparation for students who will pursue post secondary education
- ◆ Extended School Year program (ESY)
- ◆ Proper social skills development in group, individual and community settings

Funding

Stepping Stone School is a New Jersey State approved private school for educationally disabled students. Students are referred to Stepping Stone in collaboration with the Child Study Team and parents of the sending public schools. The child's home district is responsible for the tuition of the child attending. There is no tuition cost to the family. Fund raising campaigns, grants and donations help add to our financial base.

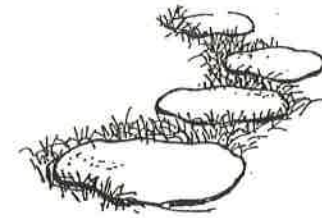
Transportation

Students are transported daily to Stepping Stone School by a sending district. We do not provide transportation for students from their residence to the school. All inquiries regarding your child's transportation should be directed through your school district.

STEPPING STONE SCHOOL

**“Expanding Horizons for
Diverse Learners”**

Warren County's Only Private
School Option Welcoming
Children with Special Needs



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Stepping Stone School

Stepping Stone School was founded in 1978 to fulfill a need for services for students with significant behavior and other learning needs in western and central New Jersey. We are a private, non-profit, non-discriminatory day school with a therapeutic emphasis. The school is governed by the Board of Trustees of Elnorah, Inc. An individualized instructional and therapeutic program is provided as an integral part of the school experience. More than 800 students, as well as their families have benefited from the program since its inception.

We specialize in serving children identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Delays, Health Impairments, Multiple Disabilities, Speech and Language Impairments, Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities, ADD and ADHD.

The Stepping Stone Program strives to create an appropriate balance between a student's emotional and academic needs. The school climate is based on trust, caring, cooperation and respect for the individual needs of each child. A cognitive behavioral approach is used with students to teach them about their emotional needs while at the same time reinforcing appropriate behaviors. Classroom activities are organized, individualized, and supported through ongoing counseling and social skill building activities.

A Message From Our Stepping Stone Staff....

We are excited that you have considered the Stepping Stone School as a rewarding place for your child to learn and grow. We recognize the importance, responsibility and care required to assist and educate children with special needs. Choosing an appropriate school for a child with a disability is perhaps the most difficult and one of the most important decisions a parent will need to make. You can be confident your child will receive a quality, caring and safe environment to thrive.

Small class sizes, a dedicated caring staff, family communication and attention to detail are staples of the Stepping Stone School. We look forward to your child's success to return to their home district.

This short brochure is designed to help you determine how Stepping Stone School can best meet your needs as a parent and that of your child. We are here to assist you and welcome your calls and visitation.

Our dedication and commitment to your child's success will be unsurpassed.

Dedicated Staff

We believe teachers make a significant difference in a child's life. Our highly qualified, certified, motivated and caring staff is dedicated to the following goals to ensure a positive emotional/academic experience for all students:

- ◆ We recognize every student is unique with their own individual talents and strengths.
- ◆ We are confident to do "what works" and "what is best" for the child to promote learning, structure and success in their lives.
- ◆ We recognize and address the unique needs of all our students with disabilities as individuals and in cooperative settings.
- ◆ We provide a therapeutic environment, speech, individualized academic instruction, counseling and related services for each student.
- ◆ We help stimulate self-esteem and self-confidence which enables students to independently function successfully within their school, home and community environments.
- ◆ We help develop and encourage effective interpersonal relationships and appropriate communication skills in group, social and individual settings.
- ◆ Your child will benefit from having a staff that is understanding, caring and trained to properly handle emergencies or other situations that might arise.



Subjects

Language Arts
Literature
Science
Math
Social Studies
Health
Physical Education
World Language
Technology
Driver's Education
Art
Industrial Arts
Career Education

Services

Health/Nursing
Screenings/Sick Visits
Family Meetings
Conflict Resolution
Social & Life Skills
Speech/OT/PT
Individual, Group &
Crisis Counseling

Clubs

Art Enrichment
Horticulture
Culinary