

Special Education Programs

MISSION

The mission of EdAdvance's Special Education Programs is to partner with our districts to provide specialized educational, social-emotional, and behavioral services for K-12 students that support each student in developing the skills and attributes needed for personal and academic success.



EdAdvance takes great care in providing individualized plans to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of the students through ongoing communication and collaboration.



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The ACCESS Program provides a small, structured environment which supports students' social, emotional, and academic growth and development. The ACCESS team is professional in their approach with students and in their collaboration with families, support teams, and districts.



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SERVICES

For over 20 years, EdAdvance has partnered with area school districts to provide cost effective, specialized educational, behavioral, and diagnostic services for students with social, emotional, and behavioral conditions that significantly impact their ability to learn.

Superior quality, personalized learning and behavioral programs are provided in an inclusive and engaging environment. Our skilled team collaborates closely with students, families, and districts to design a comprehensive plan that addresses the educational, social-emotional, and transitional needs of each student.

Services are provided to students in four locations in Litchfield and Fairfield counties: ACCESS K-8 School in Danbury, ACCESS High School in Bethel, The Partnership Learning Academy in Plymouth, and Steps at East School in Torrington.

Services include:

- K-12 Academic/Behavioral Outplacement Programs
- Expelled Student Educational Programs
- Extended School Year Services

Team

Our team-based approach provides students with a safe, supportive, and structured environment where they can develop the problem-solving and self-management skills necessary for success at school, in the community, and in their personal lives.

Our highly qualified, professional staff includes administrators; teachers certified in elementary, secondary, and special education; social workers; BCBAs; and therapists (OT, PT, SLP). Specially-trained behavioral technicians and paraprofessionals provide additional social, academic, and emotional support.



Academic Programs

- Focus on the goals in each student's Individual Education Program (IEP)
- Curricula are aligned with national and state standards
- Utilize evidence-based approaches to support student academic growth
- Engage students in experiential learning activities to prepare them for college and careers
- Coordinate with school districts to fulfill graduation requirements, plan for transition, and develop postsecondary goals

Behavioral Support Services

- Individual, group, and family counseling sessions focus on behavioral strategies for student success
- Counseling sessions are guided by licensed social workers, certified school social workers and school counselors, and board certified behavioral analysts
- Crisis Intervention and referrals to community supports
- Life and Social Skills Development
- Collaboration with local medical and behavioral health providers



Program Options

K-12 Academic/Behavioral Outplacement Programs

Full academic year Outplacement Programs are provided in Bethel, Danbury, Plymouth, and Torrington for students who need highly individualized services that are not available within their district public school setting. Our small student-to-staff ratio allows us to provide prompt academic and behavioral interventions while catering to each students' unique strengths and needs, to optimize learning. Open enrollment is available for full and diagnostic placements.

Expelled Student Educational Programs

Our school programs in Torrington (grades 6-12) and in Bethel (grades 9-12) provide academic and counseling services for students who have been expelled from their public school district for all or a portion of a school year. Students receive up to 15 hours of blended and direct academic instruction by our certified teachers, as well as weekly counseling session.

Extended School Year Services

In coordination with the student's school district, our schools can provide Extended School Year programming for eligible students. In addition, certified teaching staff are available to provide instruction in core academic areas for credit recovery to high school students, when deemed appropriate.