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.

Susan Budris
Director of Special Education and Pupil Services
Bethel Public Schools

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.

Kelly Truchsess
Director of Special Services
Danbury Public Schools

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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 three locations in Litchfield and Fairfield counties: The ACCESS Program in Danbury, 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.
- Coordinated 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, school counselors, and board certified behavioral analysts; psychiatric consults are available as indicated.
- Crisis Intervention and Treatment Planning.
- Life and Social Skills Development.
- Coordination with community resources and medical and behavioral health providers.

Program Options

K-12 Academic/Behavioral Outplacement Programs

Full academic year Outplacement Programs are provided in Danbury (grades K-12), Plymouth (grades K-5), and Torrington (grades 7-12) for students who experience challenges in a mainstream school setting. The program supports each student’s individual needs for personal and academic success. Open enrollment is available for full and diagnostic placements.

Expelled Student Educational Programs

This program provides full or partial year academic services for expelled students, customized to district needs. Students receive up to 12 hours of direct academic instruction as well as a counseling session each week. For the remaining time each week, students receive blended learning instruction using Odysseyware®, supervised by our certified teachers.

Extended School Year Services

Certified teaching staff provide instruction in core academic areas for credit recovery. Flexible scheduling is available based on the needs of the student and district.

Our program options include: academic year, summer, and short term programs.