

ACADEMICS

Each student's academic instructional program is individually designed by the sending district's child study team, in consultation with the Essex Valley School's professional staff, the student, and the parent/guardian.

Essex Valley School's curriculum is aligned to the NJ State Department of Education's Core Curriculum Content Standards. Courses are offered that will enable students to fulfill the requirements for graduation as established by their sending school district.

COURSE OF STUDY

- **COMPUTER LITERACY**
Basic/Advanced Computers
- **ENGLISH**
English I, II, III, IV
Life Skills English
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
- **MATHEMATICS**
General Math, Consumer Math,
Life Skills Math, Pre-Algebra,
Algebra I and II, Geometry,
Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
Physical Fitness, Health/Nutrition,
Sports Leagues
- **SCIENCE**
Biology, Earth, Environmental,
Physical, General
- **SOCIAL SCIENCES**
World Cultures, U.S. History I & II,
Psychology
- **ELECTIVES/CLUBS**
A variety of academic and social
activities.
- **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
Student Government, Sports Teams,
Yearbook
- **TRANSITION SERVICES**
- **VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS**
Culinary Arts, Cosmetology

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

The Behavior Modification Program is based on the concept that each student's actions result in either rewards or consequences.

Program Components

- Point Cards for daily feedback
- Status Change (Level 1 - Level 4)
- Special Privileges (i.e.: daily access to the Community Room, the Student Lounge, and the Gym)
- Student of the Week
- Monthly Field Trips and Reward Days

THE ESSEX VALLEY STAFF

The Essex Valley School staff consists of dedicated educators who work as a team to create a nurturing community environment where students can realize success. Many staff members possess advanced degrees and certifications.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

For those students who wish to attend vocational or technical programs, Essex Valley School offers a half-day Academic schedule. Vocational programs are currently being developed for implementation during the 2008-2008 school year.

COUNSELING

Counselors work with both the students and staff to create and maintain a therapeutic community environment. The members of the counseling staff have earned Master's Degrees and have extensive experience in Special Education.

Program Components

- Individual Counseling Sessions
- Group Sessions
- Groups on Specific Topics
- Smoking Cessation
- Conflict Resolution Skill Building
- Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
- Case Conference Meetings
(to review student progress and to establish interventions)
- Weekly Staff Development Workshops
- Staff In-Service Training Seminars
- Parent/Staff Meetings

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Essex Valley School (EVS) is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education as a Staff Development Center. Professional Development Conferences are offered for child study team members and teachers during the Fall and Spring of each School Year.

PROGRAM GOALS

Essex Valley School continuously strives to maintain a warm, friendly atmosphere where tension and anxiety are reduced and learning can occur.

The A, B, C's at Essex Valley School are:

ACADEMICS BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION COUNSELING

The goal of the Essex Valley School Program is to educate students to become positive and productive individuals who make appropriate choices and accept responsibility for their decisions and behaviors.

This is accomplished by encouraging each student to:

- Experience achievement and success
- Improve academic proficiency
- Increase frustration tolerance
- Learn and use productive conflict resolution techniques
- Develop responsible and rational decision making skills
- Express emotions and feelings in a socially acceptable manner
- Increase independence
- Learn self-advocacy skills
- Practice citizenship
- Return to their sending district

ADMISSIONS

Essex Valley School provides services to over 40 school districts from six counties throughout Northern New Jersey.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The intake interview process involves

- A review of Child Study Team Reports
- A meeting to determine the student's eligibility for the program
- An explanation of the expectations and rules for students
- A tour of the school and its facilities
- An opportunity to talk with current students about their experiences at Essex Valley School

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for the Handicapped
(ASAH)

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(NASET)

LOCATION

Essex Valley School is located in Essex County and can be conveniently reached by Highways 280, 80, 287, 46 and the Garden State Parkway.

Please call the school for specific directions.

ESSEX VALLEY SCHOOL

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