



Thank you for considering Alpha School as a potential placement for your student or child. We recognize the magnitude of such a decision and wish to provide you with all the needed details to make an informed decision. Here at the Alpha School, we are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing educational environment for our students.

Below is a quick checklist of our academic and support services to help you better inform parents of our programs and services. Should you have any questions when you are considering an out-of-district placement, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to having you visit us.

– John Gonzalez, Principal at Alpha School, Jackson, NJ

## Program Highlights:

### Serving the Special Needs community for over 40 years

#### Full year, wrap around services

- Full-day ESY, Extended School Year, program
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm
- All programming including related services/therapies continue as per student's IEP

#### Twelve (12) classrooms

- All designated as Multiply Disabled
- Arranged by age and ability
- Lead teachers are certified as Teacher of the Handicapped or Elementary K-6 with TOSD (Teacher of Students with Disabilities) endorsement
- Low student: staff ratios
  - 2:1 or better in each class

#### Full-time related services, therapeutic staff

- Program includes speech, occupational, physical therapy and/or counseling as per student's IEP

#### BCBA, Board Certified Behavior Analyst

- Full-time
- Works with all classroom teams on creating and implementing behavior and motivation plans



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## **Transition Program**

- Transition Coordinator, Social Worker, and Parent Liaison available to work with families on procuring external services

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## **CBI, Community Based Instruction, and WBL, Work Based Learning**

- Classes participate in learning opportunities at local businesses and organizations
- Upon turning 14 years old students enter our Transition Program
  - At 14 years old students begin working with the Transition Coordinator and Job Coach on job readiness skills and career exploration at school
  - At 16 years old students participate in on-site work experiences based on their abilities

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## **Integrated STEM, Science Technology Engineering Math, Program**

- Highly engaging, hands-on learning activities

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## **Specials offered**

- Adaptive Physical Education, Music, and Art

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## **Functional/Independent Skills Learning**

- ADL (Activities of Daily Living) Room
  - Full bathroom for learning hygiene
  - Kitchen for food prep and storage
  - Laundry and living space for clothing and other personal care

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## **Gardening Program - SPRING**

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## **Participation in Special Olympics**

- Bocce and Bowling

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## **Staff trained in CPI, Crisis Prevention and Intervention**

- De-escalation and redirection strategies