

## **Shepard Schools**

The Site: Shepard Schools are NJ state-approved private school programs for classified students with behavioral and/or learning problems. We service students in elementary, middle, and high school (grades 1-12). We are located in Morristown (Shepard Prep High School grades 9-12) and Kinnelon (Shepard School grades 1-8), New Jersey. Our current enrollment is comprised of over 120 students. Populations served are students in grades 1-12 with behavioral, emotional, and learning disabilities. Students are classified special education and sent from their public school districts to Shepard. Our population represents a wide range of psychiatric needs including, but not limited to, those associated with ADHD, anxiety, depression-mood, anger management difficulties, HFA, mild cognitive impairment, Tourette Syndrome, and personality difficulties. Academically, students range from those taking college prep, honors and AP courses to those who receive basic skills instruction. We also have older students (up to age 21) who attend our “School to Work” program for structured learning and job sampling. The population is diverse culturally and socioeconomically, as students attend Shepard from school districts across north-central New Jersey.

Behavioral-mental health programming services at Shepard fall under the umbrella of our School-wide evidenced based SEL/PBS program, the “Wolf Program.” Wolf Program services include counseling (individual, group, crisis), comprehensive social skills instruction, implementation of school wide behavioral modification point system, three tiers of intervention (universal, selected, targeted), FBA and BIPs. Shepard conducts full psycho-educational evaluations for school districts. We also provide professional development trainings for certified and para-professional staff on a regular basis

Intern Experience: Interns participate in all aspects of the Shepard program. Interns are responsible for a caseload that requires individual, group and crisis counseling. Also, students may require FBAs and BIPs, as well as case management activities. Interns are part of an experienced and supportive team.

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