



***Pathway At A Glance...*** The below information will provide you with a fast and friendly introduction to The Pathway School!

### **Mission**

The mission of The Pathway School is to build academic, social and life skills in students with special needs to promote their success and independence after Pathway.

### **Who We Serve**

The Pathway School is a non-profit approved private school for students with significant learning, social and emotional and executive functioning needs. The Pathway School's learning support program serves children and young adults ages 9-21 while the Emotional Support Program serves students ages 5-12.

### **History**

Founded in 1961, The Pathway School was the first school in the Philadelphia area designed exclusively for the learning disabled child and one of the first in the nation to combine the disciplines of psychology, psychiatry, medicine, residential, social work and educational instruction.

### **Campus**

The Pathway School is situated on a 14-acre suburban setting located west of Philadelphia near historic Valley Forge National Park.

### **Staff**

Because many of the young people we serve require intensive one-to-one support, The Pathway School employs nearly 100 staff including teachers, teacher assistants, and a clinical staff of nurses, a psychiatrist, psychologists, speech and occupational therapists, and social workers.

### **Programming**

The Pathway School offers kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum designed to cultivate the student's individual strengths. As in most public schools, Pathway's elementary classes are self-contained with a single instructor, while middle and high school students change classes and have a variety of instructors. Specialized programs include basic life skills instruction for students who function at lower cognitive levels and a unique career education program that prepares students for transition into the working world or higher education.