



Meeting Street

What's included in a Special Education Tuition at Meeting Street?

Education

- Meeting Street's entire facility was designed with students with special needs in mind.
- Professional and licensed staff including educators, teacher assistants, physical therapists (PT), speech language pathologists (SLP), occupational therapists (OT) and nursing staff are on-site and integrated into and across our students' day, every day.
- Extended School Year Program (ESY) is eight full weeks, 8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. for our programs in Rhode Island.
- Students are provided daily instruction in academics, functional and life skills.
- General Education/Grade level curriculum is modified to meet the individual needs of our students.
- Progress monitoring on all academic and therapeutic goals.
- Students from preschool to 8th Grade participate in inclusive enrichment activities and programs such as chorus, drama club, etc.
- Consultation between students' teams (educators, assistants, therapists, behavior specialist, nursing, etc.) occurs on regular basis.

Communication

- Staff trained and experienced in a variety of communication devices and language systems.
- Consistently trial a variety of communication devices (low-tech, high-tech, eye-gaze).
- SLP collaboration with OT and PT to determine appropriate positioning and an activation site to access assistive technology.
- Ability to provide regular 1:1 therapy speech sessions.
- Close working relationships with device/assistive technology vendors.
- Individualized student feeding plans; management and treatment recommendations provided.
- Support to families:
 - Home visits by SLP to support communication needs in the home with family members and care givers.
 - SLP available to attend specialist doctor appointments with student and family members.
 - Assist with completing and filing insurance documents for dedicated communication devices.



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Equipment

- On-site Equipment Clinic:
 - Screen, evaluate, and trial equipment for students.
 - Pressure mapping for seated equipment.
 - Assists parents with scheduling appointments for equipment repair and ordering from Assistive Technology Professionals (ATP), and Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers (RTS).
 - Able to schedule these appointments to take place during school hours at Meeting Street.
 - PT acts as referring therapist for equipment; writing and submitting letters of medical necessity.
 - Therapists will make home visits to assist with ordering equipment.
- Personalized/customized equipment for school use
 - Ensuring that students have access to alternative positioning throughout the school day
 - Adaptive classroom chairs
 - Stenders
 - Walkers
 - Gait Trainers
 - Power Chair trials
 - Adaptive bikes
 - Mats, wedges, bolsters,
 - Swings
 - Staff trained in transfers in and out of equipment and daily equipment; Schedules are developed and implemented to ensure alternate positioning throughout the school day
- On-site Bracing Clinic
 - Screen, evaluate, monitor bracing needs
 - Assist parents with scheduling appointments for bracing repair and/or ordering with an orthotist/prosthetist
 - Offering these appointments to take place during school hours at Meeting Street
 - Establish and monitor orthotic/prosthetic wear schedules throughout the school day



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Oral Motor and Adaptive Feeding

- Oral motor programs to improve chewing, decrease mouthing of objects, and increase types of food eaten
- Screen and evaluate feeding needs
- Feeding plan developed and implemented by trained staff
- Adaptive feeding equipment provided
- Support families
 - Home evaluations by OT for needs such as bath/shower chairs, beds, adapted toilets
 - OT available to attend specialist doctor appointments with student and family members

Sensory

- Sensory screens and evaluations conducted
- Sensory plans developed and implemented by trained staff
- Multiple Sensory Integration Gyms on location
- Sensory equipment/tools provided i.e. weighted vests, fidgets, chewies, adaptive bicycles
- Make recommendations and assist parents with securing adaptive bicycle for at home

Toilet Training

- Screen and evaluate toileting needs
- Toileting plan developed and implemented by trained staff
- Adaptive bathroom equipment provided on-site

Aquatic Therapy and Therapeutic Pool

- Therapeutic pool on site
 - Salt water
 - 92 degrees
- Trained aquatic therapy practitioners
- Built into therapy sessions and Adaptive Physical Education (APE) program

Medical Care

- Medical Director available weekly on-site for parent and staff consultation
- Provide educational workshops/staff trainings as requested or needed



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- Registered Nurses on site to meet the students' needs and available for consult with parents and staff

Challenging Behaviors

- Behavioral Specialist on staff and available for parent and staff consultation
- Screen and assess challenging behavior
- Complete Functional Behavioral Assessments (FBAs) and develop Behavior Improvement Plans (BIPs)
- Consult with and train staff in data collection and de-escalation strategies
- Monitor plan implementation, analyze data and provides behavioral progress updates to families
- Available to meet with parents and develop in-home plans to support behavior at home

Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) and Orientation and Mobility (O+M) Support

- Conduct screens, evaluations, and assists in the coordination of State Services for the Blind and medical care.
- Consult with staff to address the individual student's vision loss as it relates to their particular discipline, so they can keep the child safe and making progress.
- Attends eye appointments with students/families as necessary and as available
- Help families understand the impact of vision loss and foster methods that can accommodate students with such an impairment

Social Work

- Social worker on staff and available for parent and staff consultation.
- Assist parents with transitions to adult programs, securing guardianship and accessing community resources.
- Arrange visits of adult programs and will attend with parents.
- Assists with securing funding for adult programs and services from the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) including application and support.