



QUOTES FROM OUR GRADUATES:

“Even when I doubted myself, you never doubted me, which helped me succeed in becoming a high school graduate.”

- CD (CLASS OF 2005)

“It is hard to believe high school is over....and soon I'll have my first day of college.”

-CH (CLASS OF 2003)

“This school makes you feel like you can do things.”

-JC (MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE 2003)

Serving the school districts of Andover, Boxford, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen, Middleton, North Andover, and Topsfield.

Essex Academy serves students throughout the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. Referrals to Essex Academy are initiated by each district through the Special Education Director.

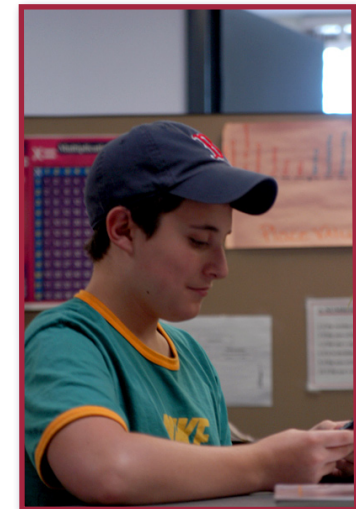
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therapeutic support for students
in grades 6 - 12.

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IS THIS THE RIGHT SCHOOL?

Does your student:

- need to learn skills to better manage emotions, relationships, and academics?
- have a history of underachieving, despite having strong ability?
- have emotional challenges that are better met in a small therapeutic school?
- have average to above average academic ability?
- need a very quiet and supportive school environment?
- at times disrupt the learning environment?



THE ESSEX ACADEMY PROGRAM

Essex Academy is a small school that encompasses both a middle school and high school for students who need highly individualized instruction as well as frequent therapeutic support. The school is designed for students with strong academic potential who need specialized instruction and clinical assistance to make optimal progress academically, socially, and emotionally. With its strong academics and clinical support, Essex Academy is equipped to meet the needs of a wide range of students, including but not limited to: students with Aspergers, various mood disorders including bipolar and depression, anxiety disorders, verbal and non-verbal learning disabilities, as well as the full range of psychiatric and learning disorders.

ACADEMICS

Academic instruction is offered in a small group setting. Instruction is at grade-level and is based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. In addition to the regular school year, Essex Academy also offers a six week project-based summer program. Throughout the year, students are thoroughly prepared for the MCAS or the NEAP tests. Students can earn their high school credits through Essex Academy, with the actual diplomas being provided by their sending districts.

COUNSELING

Individual, group, and milieu counseling are provided for students on a daily basis. The emphasis of the clinical staff is on developing the student's self esteem, coping strategies, and a range of life skills that will serve them both within the school environment, as well as in their future endeavors.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR STUDENT:

- personalized instruction
- academic and psychological assessments
- pro-active counseling support for all students
- involvement in a supportive learning community
- collaboration with parents and school district
- grade level academics with accommodations
- individual and group counseling
- expressive therapy
- crisis prevention and intervention
- academics adhere to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
- a high school diploma earned from their sending district
- twelve month programming available



The ultimate goal of Essex Academy is to help each student to develop their unique potential, become more independent, and graduate with a high school diploma. As students develop new skills and become more independent, they are better prepared for more mainstream environments such as returning to their sending school district, going to college, or entering the world of work.