

Dear current and prospective students and families, district liaisons and community members,

Learning Center North offers unique programs to serve students in grades 7-12 who have been diagnosed with an educational disability. The programs and services at Learning Center North are designed to meet students' academic, social, physical, and emotional needs. Our trained staff offers intensive instruction and individualized attention for students who need support for emotional disturbance or multiple disabilities

Through partnerships with a variety of educational entities, such as the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education and the Miami Valley Career Technology Center, Learning Center North offers opportunities for students to develop skills for employment and continued personal growth. We strive to prepare our students for future success in their lives after high school in a variety of ways, such as by providing instruction and daily practice in our MD Life Skills Lab, connecting students to school-based employment, and exposing students to a variety of careers and community programs.

At Learning Center North, we believe that it is important for our students to be connected to school through positive relationships with staff, and our goal is to help all of our students achieve their highest potential. We offer on-site speech-language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, orientation and mobility services, educational assessment, mental health therapy, and various other services for qualified students. We believe every student can learn and be successful if provided the right supports and opportunities.

Our programs are uniquely designed to provide opportunities for our students to develop personally, academically, and in preparation for life after high school. Here is a sampling of those programs:

- Life Skills Lab (Similar to Tiger Lab at West; A Place for Students to Work on Daily Living Skills like folding clothes, making a bed, and unloading a dishwasher)
- Work Program for Students (Paid Employment Opportunities for Students On-Site)
- CTC course focusing on culinary, agriculture, and manufacturing through our partnership with the MVCTC
- Cooking Lab
- Student-run Coffee Cart and Snack Shack
- Community Partnerships (SOCHE, TAC, MVCTC, Empowering to Elevate, South Community, etc.)
- On-site mental health therapy as well as on-site medical support (the doctor-medication practice....a mental health med doc that makes house visits to school is huge for parents)
- All staff members are certified by the Crisis Prevention Institute and are trained to help de-escalate students in emotional crises
- Extremely low Staff-to-student ratio. We maintain 150 students and are around 120 staff members strong. Most classrooms are 2:1 in Students to Staff. Supervision of all students and immediate support are top priorities.
- We control areas of a typical school that can be triggers for emotionally at-risk students: quiet, spacious lunch room; no class changes as we operate in self-contained classrooms; and organized entry and dismissal of school.
- The LCN Building: The building was refurbished and reopened in 2020. The building offers comfortable, consistent HVAC and excellent lighting to help students concentrate.

All the best,

Jim Grimsely
Principal