ABOUT OPS

Oakview Primary School (OPS) offers individualized learning and consistent structure for students ages 3-13 with Autism Spectrum or severe language impairment. They use Developmental Therapy and the SCERTS model, visual aids, functional academics, life skills curriculum, and social skill development through 1:1 and small group instruction. Contact Stacey Cronk, the OPS Program Administrator, for more information.

WHAT PARENTS SAY

"I'm satisfied, comfortable, secure, confident and peaceful knowing my son is getting the appropriate education and that the staff is loving and caring. You provide a warm and safe environment."

"OPS has been an actualization of a parent's dream come true. The caring and nurturing atmosphere for a child and their family is above and beyond any expectation. The academic and social challenges are evolving with my child's needs and emerging development. The communication is very much a two-way street."

ABOUT C.E.S.

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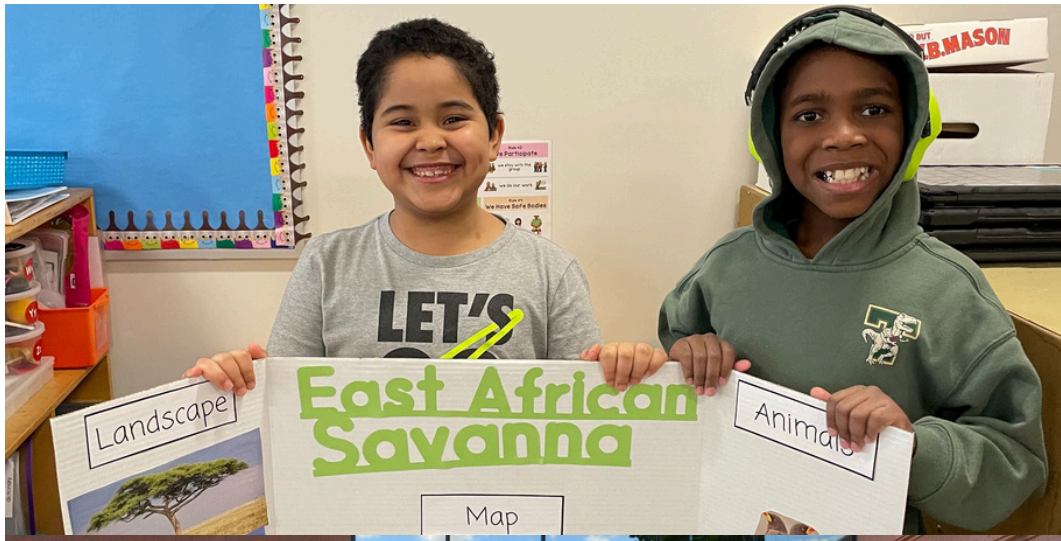
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OAKVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Cooperative Educational Services School

A regional Special Education program for children ages 3-13 who fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder continuum or who exhibit severe language impairment





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Oakview Primary School (OPS) is a regional special education program for children ages 3-13 who fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder continuum or who exhibit severe language impairment. OPS is a highly structured program for children who require alternative programming from their local school district programs. OPS offers intensive positive behavioral support via use of structured environments and daily schedules, functional communication training, high use of static visual cueing and well-trained Lead/Support teaching teams.

THE OPS STAFF

The program staff includes a group of highly skilled special education teachers, educational instructors, instructional aides, a clinical team consisting of a social worker, nurses, speech pathologists, a parent-support specialist, occupational and physical therapists as well as secretarial and administrative personnel.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The program utilizes a broad knowledge base of early childhood development approaches including the SCERTS model and Developmental Therapy. Children are grouped homogeneously by social-emotional stages. The staff to student ratio, daily schedule, length of group time, and behavior management strategies chosen all coincide with the students' social-emotional stages. OPS makes strong use of social-pragmatic language instruction and structured systematic teaching.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff to student ratio varies by groupings from 1:1 to 3:6
- Classroom size: 4 to 6 students
- Highly structured, predictable and supportive teaching environment
- High use of visual aides and static visual cueing
- Developmental curriculum
- Individualized programming
- Emphasis on social communication and emotional regulation as foundations for learning and relating
- Utilization of augmentative communication systems as needed
- Development of play and social skills
- Functional approach to problem behaviors
- Focus on transactional supports, inclusive of emotional and educational support for families (e.g., support groups, workshops, home visits)
- Range of related services
- Speech-Language
- Sensory Integration-Based O.T.
- Physical Therapy



