



ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA FOR CHILDREN

Brook Road Academy

Quality Academics in a Non-Traditional Setting



Overview

Purpose:

Brook Road's vision is to provide a college-prep curriculum in a stimulating, nurturing environment for students who are more likely to thrive within a non-traditional learning framework. The school provides a program that allows each student to approach diverse learning tasks and classes with individual learning strategies. Brook Road Academy meets the needs of each individual student by maintaining a small student/teacher ratio.

Brook Road Academy endeavors to create an educational experience that is student-centered, focusing on each individual student's strengths, gifts and his/her contributions to the community.

Population Overview:

Brook Road Academy serves Middle School and High School students who have had limited success in a typical school setting. The school also works with students, including students with special needs, who need an environment structured to fit their particular learning style in order to achieve academic and social success.

Description of Program

Brook Road Academy is a small, independent day school whose mission is to provide a college-prep curriculum within a nurturing, non-traditional learning environment that values each student as an individual, helping each to realize his/her fullest potential.

The academy is small and intimate, with the student body limited to no more than fifty students. By capping student enrollment, we ensure that each student receives the individualized attention he/she needs within a college-prep program.

Teachers are energetic and inspiring and have a passion for both learning and teaching. Our educators understand that learning is a two-way exchange; knowledge is not just passed from the teacher to student, but also from student to teacher.

Brook Road Academy has formed alliances with outside resources, including local businesses, industries and organizations to offer students "real world" experiences that complement learning in the classroom. While the school's buildings and classrooms have walls, faculty accept that the world of knowledge does not.

The school offers a challenging and creative educational curriculum that recognizes and embraces each individual's unique gifts, talents, and learning styles. Resources are available to assist students with special needs who may have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The curriculum stimulates intellectual curiosity and hones complex critical thinking skills.

The focus is not solely on academic achievement. Instead, faculty members strive to foster the growth of the whole child by addressing each student's social, emotional and academic needs as an individual.

Brook Road Academy seeks to instill the foundational qualities of leadership in each of its students. Integrity, fairness, self-respect, self-esteem, personal responsibility and the importance of community are all characteristics that are cultivated.

Collaboration between parents, staff and students is a fundamental component of Brook Road Academy. By bringing these three groups together as a team, we work together to help each student reach his/her greatest potential.



School spirit is an important part of Brook Road Academy. Administrators and faculty strive to create an atmosphere in which students are proud of their school and their accomplishments.

Clubs and athletic opportunities are based on student interests and resource availability. Clubs and athletics provide an excellent way for the individual to pursue a hobby or special interest.

An important part of the educational experience at Brook Road is the building of character. Students will be asked to look outside themselves and participate in service projects which either they or the Academy design; service learning is a requirement for graduation.

Curriculum

Brook Road offers Middle School students a structured, challenging and individualized program. Students are given the opportunity to learn and refine the basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Participation in interest groups is encouraged so those students will grow in independent thinking and develop analytical skills.

The Upper School curriculum provides students with the opportunity to explore in depth topics in math, science, language, literature, history and the arts in preparation for college. Computer literacy is a requirement for graduation. Study skills are an important part of the school day. Teachers work with students to instill the idea that one needs self-discipline in order to become a good student. Independent study is available to satisfy students' interests and/or facilitate students' gaining expertise in a subject not offered at Brook Road Academy. With approval, students also may study at local community colleges.

The ISP (Individualized Success Program) is a formalized plan completed by the student, parent and advisor, and is at the center of each student's success. This plan provides an outline for the development of individualized goals both academic and personal and strategies for achieving these goals.

The curriculum is designed around the particular interests of the individual student and strives to assist each student in his/her effort to maximize individual potential while recognizing the needs for growth and development of the whole child.

Brook Road Academy offers a General/Standard Diploma and an Advanced Studies Diploma.

- General/Standard Diploma requires: English (4credits), Math (3credits), Science (3 credits), Social Science (3 credits), Health and P.E. (2 credits), Electives (7credits).
- Advanced Studies Diploma requires: English (4 credits), Math (4 credits), Science (4 credits), Social Science (4 credits), Foreign Language (3 credits), Health and P.E. (2 credits), Electives (3 credits).

Licensing & Accreditation

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Brook Road Academy is fully licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Educational Facilities and the national Council on Accreditation. Instructional staff meets licensing and endorsement standards of the Virginia Department of Education.

Admissions/For More Information

For admission and tuition information or to learn more about Brook Road Academy, please call Elisabeth Rigsby, Head of Academy, at 804 553-3354. We welcome visits and will provide a campus tour to all interested parties.



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