

Kennedy Krieger School: Powder Mill Campus

Mission

At Kennedy Krieger School: Powder Mill Campus, our mission is to educate students in an accepting and supportive environment using evidence-based interventions and a collaborative approach.

Who We Are

We are an 11-month, nonpublic special education day program approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, with students referred and funded by their local school systems. We offer a range of educational and therapeutic services for students with a spectrum of special needs, ranging from mild to severe. We maintain a low student-to-teacher ratio, which allows us to implement individualized education programs (IEPs) that meet the diverse needs of our students while offering the highest quality of education. Our parents and families play a primary role in our team approach, which is a key component of all Kennedy Krieger School Programs and our students' success.

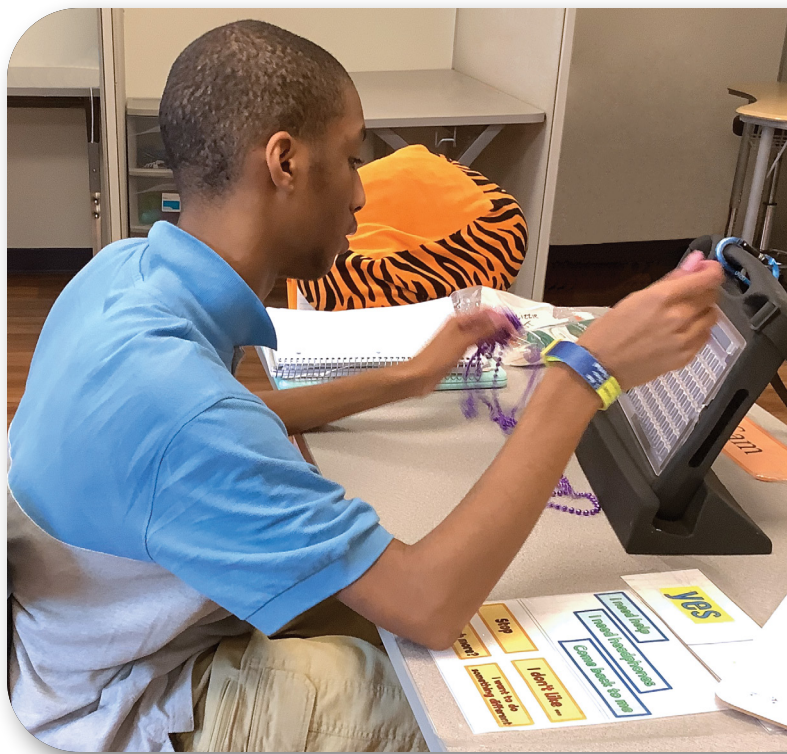
Who We Serve

We provide education and related services to students with autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities. Our program is certified for grades two through eight for students pursuing a high school diploma. We also offer a certificate of completion program for students ages 7 to 21.

Our Team

We maintain a strong interdisciplinary team approach. Our team includes highly trained special educators, curriculum specialists, related service providers and paraprofessional staff members. Full-time related service providers are on-site daily. Services provided may include:

- Art and music therapy
- Assistive technology
- Behavioral supports
- Counseling and mental health services
- Nursing
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Special education
- Speech-language pathology



Instructional Program

Our curriculum focuses on building essential skills through access to standards and curricula identified by the Maryland State Department of Education. We also provide instruction in art, media, adaptive physical education, health, life and social skills, community awareness, and career exploration. Work-based learning is incorporated into the school schedule through a variety of activities, beginning in high school.

We carefully choose instructional methods that are supported by research and that use the principles of Universal Design for Learning to meet each student's individual needs. Using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), our team addresses sensory, communication and behavior needs by providing structured routines, visual supports and positive reinforcement.



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In addition, our campus has a multisensory environment designed to improve access to instruction and regulate the sensory needs of our students. Teachers and related service staff members maintain ongoing systems for evaluating the progress of each child.

Positive Behavioral Supports

We provide a continuum of positive behavioral supports that encourage students to maintain their focus on cooperation, completion of tasks and appropriate social interactions.

Board-certified behavior analysts oversee a highly structured schoolwide behavior management system with predictable routines, rewards and consequences. When needed, functional behavioral assessment (FBA) and analysis are conducted to develop an individualized behavior intervention plan (BIP), which focuses on the development of adaptive skills in place of problematic behaviors. Crisis intervention is available to students who experience behavioral difficulties. All school staff members receive extensive training in positive behavior management techniques to provide support for students.



“Kennedy Krieger school staff and teachers recognize my son is a unique learner, and they have collaborated with us to develop individualized approaches to help maximize his ability to access the curriculum.”

– Julie Mishkin, parent

Contact Us

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If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Powder Mill Campus school, or if you have any questions, please contact our Office of Admissions, Compliance, and Transition (ACT) to discuss next steps.

Please note: Tours of the Powder Mill Campus are conducted by appointment only.

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