

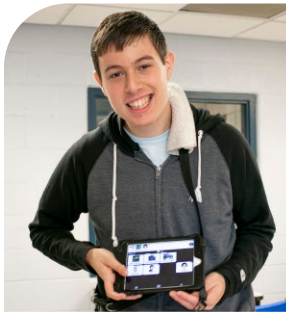
Residential & Day School



Heartspring is a not-for-profit residential and day school serving children with special needs ages five through 22 from across the country. Heartspring's school program is a unique educational setting that encompasses all areas of a student's life including education, residential living, psychological, medical care, and therapies such as speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

"The most significant difference that separates Heartspring from a typical public educational program model is Heartspring's ability to provide true individualized educational programming (IEP) during classroom instruction, vocational training, and community outings."

*- Stephen Perry
Director of Educational Services*



School

Heartspring focuses on individual plans to give students the best chance for success through a variety of tools and hands-on instruction. Heartspring uses advanced technology like an iPod data-collecting app and SMART tables and tablets. Heartspring gives its students a wide variety of tools, which allow them to grow and learn.

Home

Heartspring has 10 group homes, including three off-campus homes for students who have gained additional life skills and require less staff support. In the homes, students learn a variety of skills and activities of daily living such as cooking and laundry. A home coordinator, home coordinator assistant, third-shift supervisors, and paraeducators supervise the group homes.

Competitive Integrated Employment

Heartspring has a unique employment-training curriculum for students who are at least 14 years of age. This curriculum focuses on six key areas: Clerical Skills, Domestic Skills, Food Services, Warehouse/Stocking, Landscaping/Gardening, and Packaging/Assembly. In addition to classroom work, this program has school-based and community-based internships and is designed to prepare students for future employment.



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School Highlights

Augmentative and Alternative Communication

At Heartspring, increasing communication skills is a vital part of each student's program. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is used with students who have limited functional communication to help them learn and participate in their educational program and in their community.

iPod Apps

Advanced and custom technologies are utilized to help students and staff maximize learning opportunities. Custom in-house-produced technology also provides a state-of-the-art data collection system that allows professionals immediate access to raw data, graphs, and other student information that help determine progress, show trends and guide programming.

SMART Tables

As part of our technology initiative and accreditation plan, Heartspring School uses SMART tables in the classrooms. SMART tables improve students' means of accessing curriculum and expands students' ability to participate during instructional activities.

Statewide Accreditation

Heartspring has been working diligently to meet a new statewide accreditation process. It's a five-year cycle designed to allow districts the choice to enter the process at different yearly intervals. Heartspring has already put together the processes and structures that are vital to school accreditation and is on the way to a successful beginning towards full accreditation under the new accreditation system for the 2019-20 school year.

Multi-Tier System of Supports

Heartspring has its own Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) created to fit our students. These supports help each child be successful and allow teachers, behavior specialists, and other related service providers make informed decisions. The system reviews strategies that teachers, behavior specialists, APE, speech therapy, and occupational therapy professionals use in the classroom to best meet the needs of the students.



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