



## Residential & Day School

REDUCING BEHAVIORS • INCREASING COMMUNICATION • GAINING INDEPENDENCE



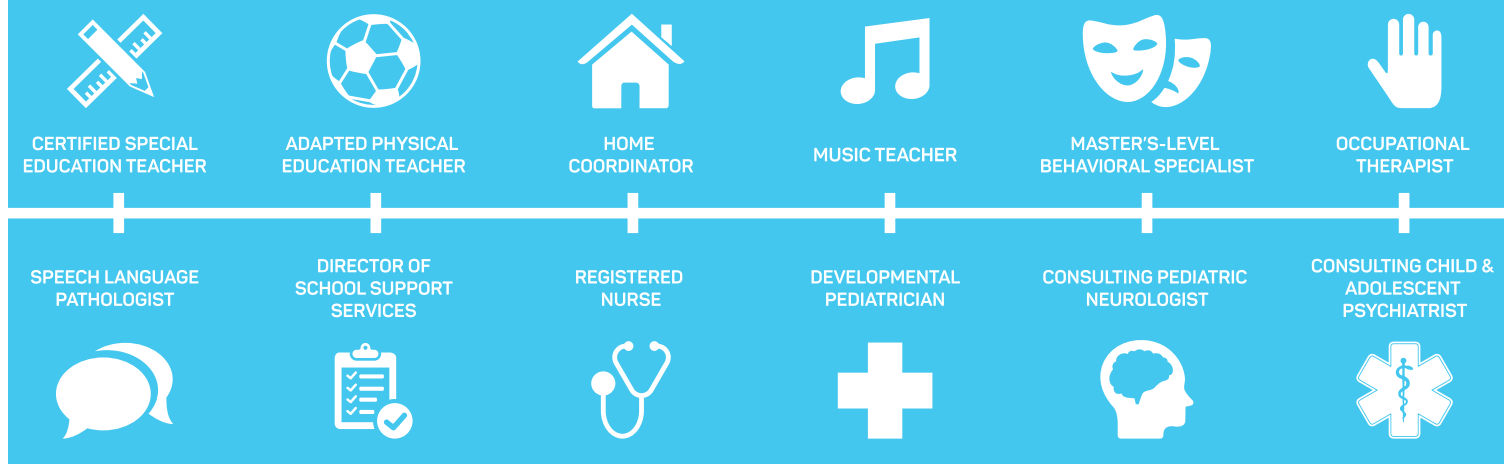
# Program Details

- **The Heartspring School** is a private, not-for-profit, day and residential school that serves boys and girls ages 5-21, with special needs. Students come to Heartspring with various disabilities such as autism, communication disorders, hearing and/or vision impairments, and other developmental and intellectual disabilities. The majority of our students also have challenging behaviors.
- The **primary focuses** of our program are to teach students to be safe, learn functional skills and become as independent as possible. We design each student's behavioral and educational program based on his or her strengths, challenges and needs. Programming is implemented in all environments (classroom, home, community) and supported by our psychology, therapy and medical staff. Each student's program is highly individualized; based on an IEP and behavior intervention plan developed for the student, with active participation of the parents, the sending school district, and any other agency or organization that is involved in the care and treatment of the student.
- Each **classroom** has 4-10 students, a board certified special education teacher and additional paraeducators for direct instructional support. School hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. We feel that students learn in a variety of settings including direct classroom instruction and community based activities so students participate in many outings and activities.



- The Heartspring School has **10 group homes**. There are seven on-campus homes and three off-campus homes. New students typically begin in a home that is on campus. It is very rare for two students to share a bedroom; however, if appropriate, this may be considered.
  - Six of the on-campus group homes (G1 - G6) have the capacity to house eight students, each in private bedrooms.
  - The newest on-campus group home (G10) has the capacity to house 12 students, each in private bedrooms.
  - The off-campus group homes (G7, G8, G9) have the capacity to house four students in private bedrooms.
- Each group home is staffed by a Home Coordinator, a Home Coordinator Assistant, and additional paraeducators. Staffing ratios in the group homes are similar to the classrooms and are appropriately staffed to meet the needs of all students.
- Students eat **breakfast and lunch**, Monday-Friday in the school cafeteria. On evenings and weekends, students eat in the dining room in the group homes.

## A Student's Comprehensive Team



- Heartspring utilizes **certified and credentialed therapists** including 2 occupational therapists, 4 speech-language pathologists, and 1 physical therapist. These therapists provide services to each student in accordance to their IEP. This includes writing goals, providing direct therapy, and training staff members in both the classroom and group home environments to ensure students carry out their goals additional times throughout the day.
- The **Psychology Department** consists of 6 professionals:
  - 2 licensed school psychologists
  - 4 behavior specialists

These professionals oversee all behavioral programming for students. This includes designing, training on and implementing the behavior intervention plan, and analyzing the behavior data that is taken around the clock.

- The **Medical Department** is comprised of a developmental pediatrician, a nurse practitioner, and 4 RNs. The department is also supported by CMAs. In addition, Heartspring consults with a child and adolescent psychiatrist and a pediatric neurologist. The medical staff is on campus, or on-call, 24 hours a day.
- Heartspring is **licensed** by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. We are also approved by the US Immigration & Custom Enforcement's Student and Exchange Visitors Program (SEVP), giving us the ability to accept international students.



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