

A continuum of services and a wide range of resources within a supportive learning environment.



Valley Forge Educational Services (VFES) offers a continuum of school-year and summer educational programs and integrated clinical services. Our expertise in special education is practiced and proven daily. The hallmark of our programs and services is our collaborative and holistic approach to each individual child and young adult, recognizing his or her unique abilities and needs through synergistic team efforts.

Each program fosters academic, therapeutic, social and emotional growth and sets a foundation to prepare students for a successful transition to work, post-secondary education and community living.

Individuals of all ages come to learn and share, appreciate and respect one another, develop the skills needed to succeed in a career and realize their value as contributing members of the community. We are committed to helping each child and young adult develop friendships and a strong sense of self-worth as they work toward independence and success.



Our experience, warmth and entrepreneurial spirit support some of the best ideas in special education.

Throughout the calendar year, The Vanguard School, the Vanguard Transition Center and Summer Matters programs support the individualized learning needs of more than 300 children and young adults from more than 56 school districts, 11 counties and three states.



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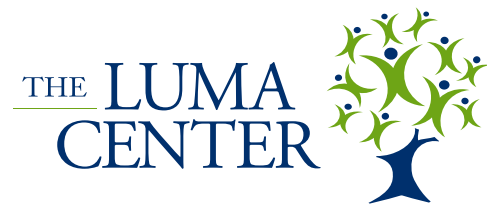


Programs of Valley Forge Educational Services



VFES prepares children and young adults with special needs to realize their potential as contributing members of the community.





The Luma Center is home to StarPoint and StarPoint 2, The Vanguard School's Pre-K/K and K/1 classrooms. Classes are taught by certified special education teachers with integrated support and collaboration from speech-language pathologists and occupational therapists.

StarPoint programs recognize each child's abilities while supporting academic readiness, socialization with peers, self-care and communication goals. StarPoint utilizes developmentally appropriate practices to provide a safe, supportive and nurturing environment wherein children develop academically, physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively. The programs incorporate activities based on a multi-sensory approach and provide many opportunities to practice motor skills through classroom activities.

StarPoint's teaching methods are grounded in child development principles set forth by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Both programs are aligned with Pennsylvania Core Standards. Our goal is to provide positive classroom experiences for children who would benefit from an alternative solution to traditional, larger classes to develop the foundational skills needed to jump-start their education.

StarPoint and StarPoint 2 were developed by a team of educators, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists who have worked in academic, therapeutic and clinical settings for more than three decades. They have strong backgrounds and immense experience working with young children with developmental and learning challenges to further students' ability to succeed socially and academically.

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StarPoint and StarPoint 2, The Vanguard School's Pre-K/K and K/1 classrooms, are licensed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education under The Vanguard School license.



The Vanguard School provides comprehensive special education and related clinical services with a unique focus on the individual student and his or her readiness for life. The Vanguard School is an innovator in offering an integrated academic, social and daily living skills approach within a supportive environment where the ultimate goal is for each student to become an independent contributing member of the community.

Our platform synthesizes evidence-based academic and related services such as school-to-work transitioning, occupational, physical and speech-language therapies, psychological and behavioral support services, school counseling, social and daily living skills development and more. All academic and related services are supplemented with a balance of real-world components to ensure that each student flourishes and enjoys a lifelong learning experience.

Our staff members are highly qualified and thoroughly trained to understand the different ways in which children learn and grow.

Program Highlights

- Pre-K/K, K/1, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Post-Secondary Programs and Speech-Language Intensive Classrooms
- Comprehensive related services
- School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) program
- Individualized instruction with small student-to-staff ratio
- Academic, social and transition planning driven by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and aligned to Pennsylvania State Standards



As part of The Vanguard School, The Vanguard Transition Center offers opportunities for college support and post-secondary training, community-based vocational training and career education along with social and daily living skills development to young adults, 18–21 years of age.

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A Pennsylvania Approved Private School serving students with exceptionalities including autism, emotional disturbance, speech-language impairment, learning disability and/or other health impairment.



From the development of social and daily living skills to experiencing opportunities to have fun and make new friends, Summer Matters programs are designed to maximize each camper's potential. Participants find themselves in a non-traditional, warm learning environment that is inclusive, encouraging, enriching and supportive.

Summer L.I.F.E. offers an array of day and overnight camp options as well as school-year travel excursions. Programs are designed for campers experiencing social challenges.

Extended School Year (ESY) at The Vanguard School offers a morning academic program with intensive small-group instruction and a low student-to-staff ratio. The morning program includes school counseling, behavior support and speech-language, occupational and physical therapies. Afternoons offer social and leisure activities.

ESY Career Prep Academy is a part-time ESY program designed for high school students who may not have specific academic goals or related service needs. The Academy combines small-group career preparation, financial literacy, customer service, peer interactions, career education and executive function skill building.

The Vanguard Transition Center Summer Experience is an ESY program for young adults, 18–21 years of age. This unique program offers the transition-aged population their own ESY program with an emphasis on maintaining vocational and daily living skills. This program includes a week-long independent residency at a local university.

The Vocational Immersion Program (VIP) equips young adults with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder and related social challenges, 18–24 years of age, with key social and employment-readiness skills through a four-week intensive program that includes classroom-based instruction, online learning, workplace internships with job coaches and a week-long supported living experience.

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Offering programs for children and young adults with learning challenges and those with exceptionalities including autism, emotional disturbance, learning disability and/or other health impairment.