

## Quick Facts

Valley Forge Educational Services was established in 1959 as a small private school serving children with learning challenges.

Today, Valley Forge Educational Services is a multifaceted not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Valley Forge Educational Services is located in Malvern, PA on a twenty-eight acre campus.

Valley Forge Educational Services has served more than 10,000 students and their families.

Valley Forge Educational Services has 170 employees; 18% have served for over 15 years and the average length of service is 7.25 years. Over 38% of instructional staff members have advanced degrees.

## At-A-Glance

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## Overview

Valley Forge Educational Services (VFES) offers educational services focused on guiding children with learning challenges and/or special needs to independence. It serves young children, adolescents, and post high school learners (18-21) through its Vanguard School, Vanguard Transition Center, Luma Center™ for Development and Learning and Summer Matters™ programs.

Our mission is twofold:

- To provide a high quality education, serving students who have special needs on many varied levels, and to provide a full spectrum of educational and support services with the goal of unlocking students' potential thus enabling them to become successful learners and contributing members of society.
- To increase the awareness and understanding nationally and globally about children with special needs and to be acknowledged as experts, leaders, and innovators in the art of special needs education and to share this expertise generously.

## Our Programs



**The Vanguard School** serves students ages 4-18 with exceptionalities including autism spectrum disorders, neurological impairment and related social-emotional difficulties.

[www.vanguardschool-pa.org](http://www.vanguardschool-pa.org)

**Vanguard Transition Center** serves students ages 18-21 and prepares them for the future through post secondary education, career development and social and life skills development.

[www.vanguardschool-pa.org/vtc](http://www.vanguardschool-pa.org/vtc)

**Summer Matters™** offers innovative summer learning programs to youth and young adults ages 6-21 along with weekend retreats, school break excursions and respite programming.

[www.summermatters.org](http://www.summermatters.org)

**The Luma Center™** offers therapeutic services, tutoring/academic support, social skills groups, early learning groups and private consultation to families of children with learning challenges.

[www.lumacenter.org](http://www.lumacenter.org)

As part of its mission, VFES also shares expertise and promotes the exchange of ideas. A professional development program for professionals on campus and in the community and a parent learning series are offered. For 2011-2012, VFES Professional Development and Outreach topics include bullying prevention and All Kinds of Minds training. Community awareness of VFES' clinical expertise has resulted in requests from mental health agencies, local universities, preschools, public schools and families for training and consultation.

VFES recognizes the importance of recreational opportunities for students when school is not in session. Students and parents who seek overnight or school holiday recreational programming are able to register for respite activities offered through Summer Matters™.