

Welcome to Brookfield Schools



Innovative, practical and effective educational and clinical services
for students with special emotional needs.



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Brookfield Schools operates three independent sites for classified students, ages 5 - 21, who require intensive behavioral/therapeutic interventions:

- Brookfield Elementary (K - 8th Grades)
- Brookfield Academy (9th - 12th Grades)
- Transition to College (11th & 12th Grades)

In addition, Brookfield Schools provides the educational component for a number of area programs. Brookfield staff—recognized for their expertise in emotional and behavioral disorders—perform valuable outreach services in the surrounding areas.

Brookfield Schools utilizes the latest technical applications throughout its programs by implementing SmartBoards and interactive software releases.

At Brookfield Schools, classes focus on a traditional curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards, and all schools provide the required state testing. Brookfield Schools are approved by the New Jersey Department of Education as private schools serving students with disabilities.

Brookfield Schools is proud to be accredited by NCASES—the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services.

It is the mission of Brookfield Schools to provide innovative, practical, and effective educational and clinical services for students with special emotional needs.



Brookfield Elementary provides services to elementary students experiencing special emotional and/or behavioral issues that interfere with their learning in the regular public school system.

The educational component of Brookfield Elementary is designed to provide an intensive and grade-level academic curriculum. The therapeutic component of the program offers opportunities for emotional growth and peer socialization with guidance and intervention by the entire school community. Our priority is to facilitate the learning process, promoting a student's successful return to their school district with an

increased awareness of appropriate social behavior, greater self-esteem and more positive social interactions.

Behavior Modification

At Brookfield Elementary, a program of behavior modification using a 100-point system is in place. A written report is sent home daily and the positive reward system offers students the opportunity to earn daily, weekly and monthly rewards, trips, and purchases at the school store. The goal is to change the behavior of the students so they will be able to confidently interact within their environment.

Comprehensive Services

Brookfield Elementary services encompass more than just the educational component and include:

- Individual and group counseling
- Creative therapies/interventions (art, cooking, gardening)
- Parent and family counseling and consultation
- Regular parent seminars

Community Partnerships & Recognition

Brookfield Elementary has formed innovative partnerships within the community that include relationships with:

- Perkins Center for the Arts
- Educational programs from local police and fire departments
- Local elementary schools



Brookfield Academy offers two unique educational opportunities for high school students who are experiencing serious emotional/psychiatric disorders.

At Brookfield Academy, students participate in either a full-day program or a shorter, abbreviated day from 10:00 am - 2:15 pm.

Students attending Brookfield Academy may experience learning disabilities and have low- to above-average ability. Through therapy modifications, students are eventually able to perform at or above grade level.

For those students with specific learning disabilities, materials and teaching strategies are adjusted accordingly.

Brookfield has effectively worked with students who have been diagnosed with:

- Mood Disorders: Clinical Depression and Bipolar Disorder
- Anxiety Disorders: School Phobias, Social Anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Oppositional Defiant Disorders: Disruptive Behavior Disorders
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Many other behavioral disorders



While some of our pupils may have non-compliance issues and difficulty dealing with authority figures, we are a hands-off facility that does not accept physically aggressive youth into our program.

Program Highlights

Brookfield Academy offers numerous programs designed to enhance the educational experience. From in-house television programming, to state-of-the-art

computer labs, Brookfield Academy provides a comprehensive learning environment. Additional programs include:

- Cosmetology Program
- Horticultural/Landscaping Opportunities
- Team Sports, including Basketball & Softball
- Community Service Opportunities
- WOLF TV In-House Television Production
- Structured Learning and Supported Employment Opportunities
- Social Skills Counseling Group
- Implementation of New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Law and Development of Programs and Activities to Promote Tolerance
- School-Wide Behavior Modification Program that Focuses on Utilization of Positive Behavior Interaction Plans



BLAST Program - Brookfield Learning through Academic Supportive Teaching

The **BLAST Program**, which is an innovative, high-quality technology-based program, was developed due to the ever changing landscape in student learning and to give students options to continue their education on their pathway toward academic success. This mission is accomplished by providing a blended approach to learning, designed specifically with each student's needs in mind, utilizing technologically-based instruction, direct teacher involvement or a blended approach.

Students would utilize Brookfield's **BLAST Program** for credit recoupment, short-term homebound instruction, assimilation into the school environment, attendance issues or dropout prevention.

BLAST for SUCCESS ...
For additional information, contact:

Brookfield Academy
Principal's Office
856-795-8228, extension 223



Transition to College: 11th - 12th Grades

Offered in collaboration with Camden County College, Transition to College is designed to help classified high school juniors and seniors prepare for the academic and interpersonal challenges of college life.

The Brookfield classroom is located on the Blackwood campus of Camden County College and staffed full-time by a certified special education teacher, a classroom assistant and a therapist.

Students in this program complete their high school curriculum while simultaneously taking college courses. They receive

an array of supportive services including: individual and group therapy, tutoring, and various life skills such as time management, budgeting and problem-solving. The program also offers support and instruction along with a high-tech, wireless environment.

Acceptance into the program is highly competitive and is generally open to students completing their sophomore and junior years at the Academy. Direct referrals are processed by Brookfield's Admissions Office. Individuals must demonstrate the ability to work independently, attend school on a consistent basis, conduct

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themselves in a socially-appropriate manner, have an interest and determination to pursue college studies and possess the capability to perform academically.

A thorough application process is required that includes a review of academic and behavior records. In addition, current Brookfield Academy students submit a written essay and have a face-to-face interview. Students must also have parental permission.

The final decision for placement into Transition to College is made by the district child study team, Brookfield Academy staff, the student and the parent(s). Districts can make direct application to this program as well.

The Brookfield Schools Transition to College Program is a proud recipient of the "Innovation in Special Education Award," presented by the New Jersey School Boards Association and ASAH.



Brookfield works with facilities throughout central and southern New Jersey to provide both in-patient and partial care programs for youngsters experiencing severe emotional and behavioral disorders who are in their long-term or day treatment divisions.



KIT/EXCEL/INSIGHT

1000 Atlantic Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104

The Center for Family Guidance in Camden operates three residential programs for children ages 12-18, offering intensive therapeutic services. Brookfield Schools provides the educational component to these programs. Currently, four teachers and three assistants provide diverse and highly creative instruction to meet the unique needs of the students in these programs.

Children Achieving Success Through Therapeutic Life Experiences (CASTLE)

1000 Atlantic Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104

CASTLE offers a comprehensive partial care program for youngsters and adolescents experiencing severe emotional problems or behavioral disorders. Children are referred by families, physicians or schools. Five Brookfield teachers provide the educational component while students are attending this program. Students who are classified receive 10 hours per week of instruction, while non-classified students receive 5 hours per week to maintain and improve academic skills within the context of a therapeutic environment.

For KEEPS

New Brunswick, NJ

Children referred to this program—by families, physicians or schools—receive therapeutic intervention in this short-term treatment program. Two full-time Brookfield teachers provide the mandated homebound instruction for students while they are out of school. Students who are classified receive 10 hours of instruction per week, while non-classified students receive 5 hours per week to maintain and improve academic skills within the context of a therapeutic environment.

Underwood Behavioral Health

509 N. Broad Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096

Underwood Behavioral Health is located in Woodbury. Children referred to this program—by families, physicians or schools—receive therapeutic intervention in this short-term treatment program. One full-time Brookfield teacher provides the mandated homebound instruction for the students while they are out of school. Students who are classified receive 10 hours of instruction per week, while non-classified students receive 5 hours per week to maintain and improve academic skills within the context of a therapeutic environment. The teachers participate in a transition meeting with professionals from the child's school prior to his/her return to school.



Find out more about Brookfield Schools programs and services. Visit us online at www.brookfieldschools.org



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