



A K-8 private special education school succeeding with complex learners since 1999

*Small School...***BIG RESULTS**

*the* **Wolf School**



## UNDERSTANDING *the* COMPLEX LEARNER

***Imagine*** being 8 years old and never invited to a birthday party.

***Imagine*** being unable to read, even though you have the ability.

***Imagine*** the noise in the classroom sounds like a train roaring past you.

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Complex learners struggle in a traditional classroom setting. They have trouble following directions, participating in a group, communicating, problem solving or making friends. They have learning differences that are difficult to diagnose and often receive more than one diagnosis.

Many complex learners have trouble staying calm and organized in a busy environment. They may be anxious, distractible, rigid, loud or shy but also creative, clever, funny, passionate, persistent.

Complex learners often experience school failure because they don't have the supports they need to address all the interferences to their learning.



## WHY WOLF WORKS

The Wolf School is for complex learners with average to above average cognitive potential who experience challenges in the following areas:

- **Language processing and production**
- **Sensory integration**
- **Social communication**

To address these multiple barriers to learning The Wolf School developed an innovative Immersion Model.

The Immersion Model utilizes a team of teachers, occupational therapists and speech pathologists in each classroom to ensure lessons integrate language, sensory, and social skills. Class size is small (6 – 10 children) with student to teacher ratios of no more than 4:1. Children are then matched according to academic and social levels to create small instructional groups within the classroom for successful learning.

Using the collective expertise of our professional team, therapeutic supports are seamlessly woven into instruction. This unique educational approach allows Wolf students to be ready to listen, attend to task, and learn.



### THE WOLF SCHOOL PROVIDES...

- A nurturing, developmental approach to independent academic success
- Small class size (6-10 children per class)
- A low student-teacher ratio (no more than 4:1)
- Curriculum that follows core standards
- A state of the art sensory arena
- Integrated Art and Music
- Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- Electives and community service learning for Middle School students
- After school activities including homework club, art, and Middle School sports

### AN IMMERSION MODEL INCLUDING...

- Individualized academic curriculum and learning plans
- Sensory processing supports
- Language-based instruction
- Social skills training including social pragmatics and social thinking
- Hands-on experiential learning
- A focus on executive functioning skill development
- A strong home and school partnership
- Movement utilized throughout the day



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## WE UNDERSTAND CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Although bright and inquisitive, they often struggle in a traditional classroom. Prior to attending The Wolf School, many of our students experienced difficulty academically and socially in a variety of school settings.

The Wolf School model is designed to help children become successful, secure learners. As our students discover new ways to meet the challenges they face daily in school, they become better prepared to face challenges that will arise throughout their lives.

“*Rather than my child always struggling to fit into a school, this school strives to fit my child.*”

- A WOLF SCHOOL PARENT

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