

HISTORY & MISSION



THE CRAIG SCHOOL

FOUNDED IN 1980, The Craig School is an independent, nonprofit school responding to the needs of students in grades 2 through 12 who have diagnosed learning disabilities or difficulty succeeding in a traditional classroom setting. For over 30 years the school has provided a solid educational program based on the most recent and effective multisensory classroom techniques, assistive technology, social skills curricula, and organizational methods. The school continues to provide a safe, nurturing learning environment with small structured classrooms, positive student teacher interaction and strong ties to parents. We are accredited by both the Middle States Association of School and Colleges (MSA) and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

1. *All students can and will learn if the right environment and opportunities are provided.*
2. *Learning disabilities and learning styles should be acknowledged, understood and provided for.*
3. *In addition to supporting a student's academic development, a school should nurture his/her social, emotional and moral growth.*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Craig School is to provide to our students a strategy-based, comprehensive and challenging school experience that acknowledges their learning disabilities, builds on their aptitudes, and strengthens their self-awareness and self-esteem. We help our parents assess their child's true potential and understand the nature of learning disabilities, and provide our families an internal support network within the Craig community.

OUR STUDENTS

The young people at Craig are of average to above average ability, but they have not progressed at a level consistent with their abilities. Our students come to us with a variety of learning disabilities. We also address the social issues that so often plague young people with learning disabilities and help them to build a positive self-image. Students who would ultimately leave school feeling like failures are realizing at Craig that they can now experience success. Parents who have faced ongoing frustrations with schools that expect their child to fit in an existing program, are finding that programs at Craig are designed to fit their child.

OUR GOAL

The Craig School recognizes and embraces the dual responsibility of education: 1) enabling students to learn what is worthy of knowing (content knowledge) by teaching the skills and strategies required to engage in meaningful learning; and 2) cultivating and nurturing in each student what it is to be a good person. At The Craig School we provide

our students with the learning skills and strategies that will enable them to reach their potential; to enrich and expand the quality of their own lives; and to cultivate an understanding and appreciation of giving back, of contributing to the common good.

OUR METHOD

The success of The Craig School rests on a strong academic program and a supportive environment. Young people who have struggled often for years in mainstream schools are given the tools to overcome their frustration with learning. They are among peers who are tolerant and understanding of one another with teachers who are skilled, patient and focused on achievements.

For additional information about The Craig School, please visit our website at www.craigschool.org or call us at **(973) 334-1295**.



TURNING POTENTIAL INTO ACHIEVEMENT ONE STUDENT AT A TIME.