Hope

Starts Here

Hope is the premier nonprofit provider of services for individuals with disabilities. For over 65 years, we have been providing the best quality of care to those that we serve. We now impact thousands of individuals who represent a broad spectrum of learning styles and abilities. Today, Hope serves individuals with disabilities and their families by providing top level quality educational, residential, and clinical services across six states, as well as community education and training. Annually, we impact over 6,000 individuals through our vast network of services.

Nonprofit.
Mission focused.
Since 1957.

Locations

Springfield

15 E Hazel Dell Lane
Springfield, IL 62712

Metro East

4553 Benes St.
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Melrose Park

Coming Fall 2026
1414 N. 37th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Scan the QR Code to learn more about our programs.

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Learning Academy

Educational Services

Key Features

- Smartboards and tablets
- Diffused lighting
- Sensory rooms
- Outdoor play areas
- All students utilize Communication Devices
- On-site Behavioral Support
- Multi-disciplinary approach
- Functional & life skills Curriculum
- Full-time vocational programming
- Small Structured Classrooms
- High student/educator ratio
- Individualized programming

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About the Academy

Hope Learning Academy is a private therapeutic day school that offers a specialized learning environment where every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and receive support tailored to their unique needs. Hope specializes in serving children with developmental intellectual abilities, through a comprehensive approach that nurtures the whole child academically, emotionally, and socially.

Our school provides a highly individualized and therapeutic educational experience, designed to meet each student where they are to help them build confidence and independence. With small class sizes, compassionate educators, and a team of experienced therapists, we foster an environment where progress is celebrated and every success matters.

Enrollment

Enrollment at Hope Learning Academy is coordinated through a referral from your child's local school district. This process ensures that placement is consistent with your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and that the appropriate supports and services are in place.

To begin, the parent should contact their child's special education coordinator or IEP coordinator to discuss educational needs and explore the referral process for placement at Hope Learning Academy.

If you have further questions about the school, please contact the Hope Learning Academy Superintendent, Dr. Apollos Harris, at aharris@hope.us Dr. Harris and our team are happy to provide additional information and assist in coordinating with your school district.