

# Intermediate District 287

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## ***Focus***

***Functional Occupational Curriculum for Unique Students***

***Site: South Education Center***

***7450 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423***

## ***Target Population***

The target population includes students, ages 16-21, who receive special education services. Most students will have a diagnosis Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and demonstrate significant verbal or physical acting out behavior.

## ***Student Profile***

Student ability level ranges from average to gifted ability. Students have a high need in the transition areas: vocational, community participation, recreational and leisure, home/daily living skills, self-advocacy and social understanding. Some life areas are impacted by chronic mental illness. Some students with a chronic mental illness diagnosis are more likely to exhibit serious and persistent behavior in the community, home, school, and work.

## ***Mission/Goals***

Students will successfully master academic and life-skill goals through individualized interventions, which lead to academic learning, reintegration and successful life experiences. This will be achieved by each student experiencing belonging, mastery, interdependence, and generosity through community and vocational-based experience.

## ***Components***

### ***Academic Skills:***

- Preparation for Minnesota Basic Standards testing
- Direct Instruction Reading; Saxon Math
- Individualized instruction
- Graduation standards
- Transition

### ***Social/Behavior:***

- Positive school/community milieu
- Community experience
- Group activities
- Social work support
- Appropriate behavior skills training
- Alternative approaches to behavior management
- Asperger's group for appropriate students

### ***Vocational Skills:***

- Master basic skills in acquiring and keeping jobs
- Select career
- Acquire skills
- Job coaches
- Career assessment and exploration

### ***Family/Interagency Collaboration:***

- Social workers and work coordinators access community resources

### ***Community-Based Services:***

- Experiential learning
- Hennepin County Adult services
- Rehabilitative services
- Community/support programs

- Individual/Family therapy
- Intensive psychological evaluation
- Specialty support groups
- Chemical health support
- Family/school coordination
- Crisis Intervention
- Parent support group
- Parent mental health education seminars

**Inclusion:**

- Reintegration to the student's home school is the exception.

**Physical/Fitness and Motor:**

- Physical activities take place in the community

### **Program Core**

Licensed Ratio: 2.8

Non Licensed Ratio: 3.15

**Staffing Includes:**

Program Core

- Licensed/Highly Qualified Instructors
- Educational Assistants

Support Staff

- Program Facilitator
- School Social Worker
- Work Experience Coordinator
- School Psychological Services
- Nursing Services

Other Support Staff, as needed

- Assistive Technology Specialist
- Audiologist
- Autism Specialist
- Behavior Specialist
- Communication Disorder Specialist (CDS)
- Due Process Facilitator
- Educational Audiology Specialist
- Low Incidence Specialists (Deaf/Hard of Hearing [D/HH], Blind/Visually Impaired [B/VI], and Physical/Health Disabilities [PHD] teachers)
- Job Coaches
- Materials Production Specialist (Braille, etc.)
- Occupational Therapy (OT) Staff
- Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Specialist
- Physical Therapy (PT) Staff
- Sign Language Interpreter

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