

Instructional Staff

Special Education Instructors at CCL are certified by the New York State Department of Education. Approximately 160 teachers, aides, and related therapists provide services for students at the Cantalician Center.

Sessions

All programs run in concurrence with the typical school calendar with regard to legal holidays and school breaks. Our session begins in September and runs through June. We also offer a six-week summer session for all students.

Related Services & Support

We offer a number of support services to our students and their families. Our multi-disciplinary team is made up of highly trained and experienced professionals, offering an array of specialized services.

- Special Education Instruction
- Comprehensive Initial Evaluations
- Occupational/Physical Therapy
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Vision Services
- Behavioral Support
- Full-time Registered Nurse
- Job Readiness/Supported Work Program
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Life Skills Program
- Adaptive Physical Education
- Transition Program
- Special Education Itinerant Teachers and Therapists

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School Age Program



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Goals

The School Age Program provides instructional, community interactive and social experiences which enhance the student's transition to adulthood. Individualized student goals include the development/improvement of communication skills, personal hygiene, healthy lifestyles, safety, making the right choices, self-advocacy, community travel, vocational skills and self-improvement.

Program

The Cantalician Center for Learning (CCL) is a New York State Department of Education-approved private school providing instruction to students with a wide range of intellectual disabilities including but not limited to autism, mental retardation, Down syndrome and multiple disabilities. Our CCL School Age Program offers full-day special education instruction to children and young adults between the ages of 5 and 21. Educational programming and related services are based upon each child's Individualized Education Program (IEP). CCL conducts instruction from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and operates on a twelve-month basis, which includes a six-week extended program during the summer months. Transportation is free and implemented by the student's neighborhood school district. Parents may also provide transportation.



Student Population

The CCL School Age Program currently accommodates 142 students. Participants come from the City of Buffalo as well as individual school districts located throughout Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Genesee Counties.

Curriculum

The School Age Program provides functional mathematics, science, and reading curriculum while the student develops adaptive, social and independent living skills.



This is in accordance with their abilities and the IEP developed by the parents, district and CCL. The IEP is designed to meet the specific needs of each student.

Placement

All students qualifying for services in the School Age Program are placed by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) from the "home" school district in which they reside. The CSE works closely with parents and CCL staff to develop the most appropriate program for each student. Tours of CCL are available and recommended. Current medical records are mandatory before enrollment.

Evaluation

The Cantalician Center provides comprehensive initial and supplemental evaluations for students attending the School Age Program. Evaluations are conducted at CCL's School Age Program. Our Physical Therapy Department provides an Orthopedic Clinic while the CCL Speech Department conducts audiological screenings.

Activities

- Adapted Outdoor Playground
- Computers
- Swimming and Bowling
- Hockey, Football, Basketball & Adaptive Sports
- Special Olympics/Track & Field
- Candy Cane & Peppermint Ball
- Annual School Picnic
- Old Home Days
- Field Trips
- Community Travel Program
- Vocational Training