

THE LEAD CENTER^{LTD}

What is The LEAD Center, Ltd.?

- The LEAD Center, Ltd. is a private therapeutic day school that serves 5 to 21-year-old students with mental and emotional disabilities who live in central Virginia. The LEAD Center, Ltd. provides students in our care with the tools necessary to develop to his or her greatest capacity, to become able to independently take care of him/herself, and to become a reliable member of society. Successful and timely transition to the public school is the ultimate goal of The LEAD Center, Ltd.

The LEAD Center, Ltd. Mission Statement

- The LEAD Center, Ltd. aims to provide an alternative educational setting that is designed to be creative and individualized for each student, while preparing them for life and community. At the same time, The LEAD Center, Ltd. hopes to develop a program of education that is accessible, consistent, adaptable, marketable, and reproducible anywhere. The Center is committed to offering superior special education services by utilizing our collective expertise in education, behavior management, and technology.

How Can The LEAD Center, Ltd. Help Students?

- Faculty and staff at The LEAD Center, Ltd. recognize the potential of each student by providing an environment that nurtures the development of positive self-esteem and independence. The LEAD Center, Ltd. focuses on each student's personal strengths and develops individualized academic and behavioral programs to successfully meet long and short-term goals.

In order to achieve success, the Center uses a team approach based on consistency, predictability, family involvement, therapeutic counseling, alternatives to regular education, and community. Also included in the process are public service providers for continuity during the critical stage of transition back to the community.

The LEAD Center, Ltd. Serves the Following Localities:

Amelia	City of Richmond	Mecklenburg
Appomattox	Dinwiddie	New Kent
Brunswick	Emporia	Powhatan
Caroline	Greensville	Prince George
Charles City	Hanover	Surry
Chesterfield	Henrico	Sussex
City of Colonial Heights	Hopewell	
City of Petersburg	Louisa	



A Message from the Founder and President of The LEAD Center, Ltd.

In opening The LEAD Center, Ltd. in 2001, it was my desire to provide an environment that ensures academic and behavioral success for students who require a higher level of services than what is provided in the public school setting. In being proactive, therapeutic, success-oriented, and reassuring for our students, they recognize that what in the past seemed impossible, now holds promise for them.

It is our hope that all of our students return to the public school setting with the tools they need to achieve success.



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How Can Students Enroll at The LEAD Center, Ltd.?

- The LEAD Center, Ltd. can accept students referred through local school divisions or an outside placement agency. Upon receiving a referral, the Center's enrollment team will review the eligibility information to determine whether The LEAD Center, Ltd. would be an appropriate placement for the student. If The LEAD Center, Ltd. is chosen, funding for the student's education is provided by the city or county school system.

Facts About The LEAD Center, Ltd.

- **The LEAD Center, Ltd. has served over 630 students since the school opened in September 2001.**
- **The LEAD Center, Ltd. has over 35 counselors, teachers, and administrative staff.**
- **The LEAD Center Ltd. occupies over 28,500 square feet in its brand new facility.**

The Lead Center, Ltd. Curriculum

- The Virginia Department of Education Standards of Learning (SOLs) serve as a reference for teachers to implement the curriculum in each subject area. Instructional goals are determined based on the intellectual abilities, learning styles, and aptitude levels of each student. The Center's program is success oriented — goals are realistic yet challenging based on the determined levels for each student.

The teaching staff at The LEAD Center, Ltd. are trained in the utilization of a coherent, thematic curriculum approach to teaching and individualize methods according to the ability and skill level of each student. Using alternative assessments and standard state assessments, each student will have the opportunity to experience academic success.

New Facility Opens

- The LEAD Center, Ltd. opened its new 28,500 square foot facility in early September. In addition to housing all new classrooms and administrative offices, it also houses a multi-use space that will be used as the cafeteria, auditorium and gym. The new school building is just one essential part of the Center's strategic 2010 plan, which was developed and designed to better use data collected by LEAD educators to ensure the success of each student.

How Are Programs Structured at The LEAD Center, Ltd.?

- The LEAD Center, Ltd. treats each child as a unique case. Regardless of the disability, a student has many factors that control their capability to understand and ability to put that understanding to use. The goal of the Center is to determine this and harness the methods to educate and assist the child to function in society.

ENROLLMENT TEAM

The LEAD Center, Ltd. enrollment team brings a potential student into the school and places that student in the most appropriate program. Each student is given a set of tests to help determine their grade level. The results are reviewed and key points are condensed into a student profile.

STUDENT PROFILE

A student profile is a consolidation of the documentation about a student once they are enrolled. This summary of academic and psychological reports is utilized by counseling staff and case managers to develop strategies to help the student return to a public school.

LEARNING CENTERS

The traditional special education classroom in the public school system combines students with different disabilities and all students are typically taught by using similar methods. The LEAD Center, Ltd. separates students by ability level, instead of age or grade, and sets up 4-6 student learning centers to better meet their specific needs by individualizing teaching methods.

CURRICULUM

The LEAD Center, Ltd. has an activity based learning curriculum. This curriculum allows educators to spend more time differentiating instruction that is based on the Standards of Learning (SOL). Students are graded according to their academic ability level.

LOCATIONS

MAIN CAMPUS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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