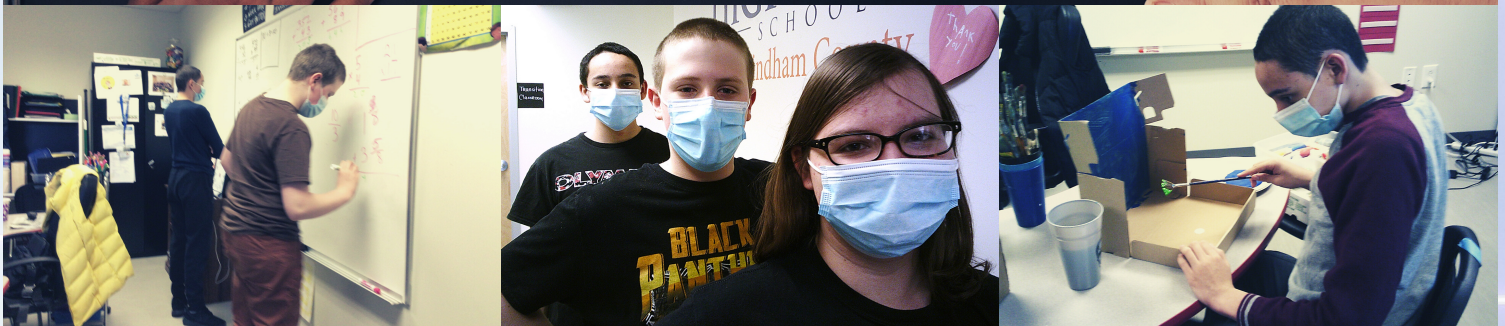


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The students at High Road School have several different elective classes that they can choose from. p. 02

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OUR STUDENTS

Our students come from different schools in surrounding areas, to learn in a focused environment. All of the students work together well on many different types of projects, along with academic classes. They are always willing to help each other to learn. They eagerly take time to communicate effectively with staff, ensuring that everyone accomplishes the tasks at hand. This dynamic has made for a comfortable, safe learning environment, that is also engaging and fun.





LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Over the past year, the school has overcome several obstacles to being able to continue in person classes, whilst maintaining a safe learning environment. Through these challenges, the students have had the ability to learn new skills everyday, that will ultimately better their lives in the long term. From goal setting to cooking, the classes have been adapted to be an informative, enjoyable experience for the students. The students are taught that these skills can be taken anywhere they go in life. Through the various art projects in the first semester, they learned how to use tools, cook, communicate, and foster better relationships. Through their social skills curriculum. With Mrs. Ulrich, they learn specific tools to help them negotiate everyday circumstances.

MEET THE TEAM

At the High Roads school in Windham County, the team brings a wide range of experience from different fields. The team came together in December of 2019. They are lucky to have Mrs. Ulrich, who is an experienced social worker, and has worked in several different disciplines throughout her career. Ms. Marcille, or "Ms. B" as the students call her, is the teacher in the classroom. With well over 20 years experience in academics, she has been able help encourage a learning and growth mindset with the students, along with her fellow colleagues. Mr. Gresh and Mr. Hardesty are the teaching assistants. Mr. Gresh oversees the culinary life skills elective, along with the photography elective. He is also the school's chef for the daily meals. Mr. Hardesty oversees the web design, videography, and medical life skills electives. They both help Ms. Marcille run the classroom with consistency and positivity. This assures the rotation schedules are followed. Together, the team works to promote an open, honest, and transparent atmosphere for the students. They work solidly together whilst instructing a robust, educationally balanced program.

“These are skills we can take wherever we go in life.”



In the classroom, Mrs. Marcille, Mr. Gresh, and Mr. Hardesty, give real world, experience based, examples to learn from. Working closely with Mrs. Ulrich, they work with each student on a variety of topics. Oftentimes, the students will request to learn something new like how to tie their shoe, or how to carve a pumpkin. Each staff member strives to give positive, intellectual answers during each and every academic skills rotation.



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

World Kindness Day at HRS of Windham County, is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself and to the world. World Kindness Day is an international holiday that is observed in many countries celebrated on November 13 every year. It began in 1998 to build a kinder and more compassionate world. The purpose of World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common threads of kindness which bind people together. In November, the school celebrated World Kindness Day during Social Skills Class. The students all created a Kindness Cloud about someone they respect, look up to and who they consider kind. They were then asked to think of the unique qualities that they really admire about the person, brainstorming a list of words everyone in the class could think of. From the list, the students chose 6 words that best described their person and attached the words to their Kindness Cloud.

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High Road School is, without a doubt, a fantastic school to attend. The small, attentive environment causes greater success among the students, as well as the one-on-one student/teacher ratio. The level system is beneficial, especially since there is payment and other privileges and rewards are involved. The staff are friendly 100% of the time, along with the other students and peers. The work is engaging and interactive, and it perfectly balances academics and social work/skills. More often than not, students are seen laughing, smiling, and having a good time. Staff serves and cooks a delicious breakfast and lunch every day with a wide variety of choices. It is a caring, understanding, and flexible environment, and quite possibly is one of the best schools around the northeastern area. High Road School is fun, joyful, and enlightening, and is highly recommended.

Alex

I think High Road School is good because of the individual help. It is so peaceful and my teachers teach so well. I am learning more here than any other school. My behavior has improved and i am so into learning and behaving. I am motivated because my teachers care, and i feel special.

Sean

What i think about High Road School of Windham!
First, I think it's great because i like my teacher Ms. B
Next, I like the environment because it is small.
Then, I love the lunch.
Lastly, I love the life skills cooking.

Jacob