

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Auburn School

9115 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

301.588.8048

Description of Educational Program

(distributed annually to placing agencies)

The Auburn School is a Type I full-day Special Education and related services program serving co-educational students K-8. The Auburn School provides instructional and behavioral requirements of students with the following educational disabilities:

- Autism
- Other Health Impairments
- Multiple Disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disabilities

The focus at the Auburn School is the development and implementation of a highly individualized program to meet the needs of each student, in accordance with the IEP and all available assessment data.

Goals

- To provide each student with the academic and social skills needed to be successful in the school, community, and family system.
- To prepare students to return to a less restrictive setting as quickly as possible.
- To prepare students for Maryland State Testing.
- To provide students with consistent and structured tutorials in order to prevent regression and produce both academic and behavioral gains.
- To provide data-driven instruction and multi-modal teaching approaches by highly trained educators.
- To provide all students with transition planning activities through classroom instruction and development of career portfolios in accordance with the Maryland Career Framework.

- To provide support to students in areas of executive dysfunction, self-regulation, social pragmatics, higher-order thinking, and social learning.
- To provide supports for students diagnosed with depression, anxiety, ADHD, communication delays, and sensory processing challenges

Administration

- The Auburn School is administered by an Administrative Head/Education Director and/or Director of Admissions and the Instructional Specialist, who are responsible for its operation and the following staff: Certified Special Education Teachers, Assistant Teachers, 1:1 Aides, Mental Health Clinician, Speech Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, BCBA, Consulting Nurse, and Administrative Assistant.
- Additional support and oversight is provided by the President of Specialized Education of MD, Inc., Regional Vice President, Senior Director of Academics, and Regional Director.
- Each class is staffed by one full-time Certified Special Education Teacher and one full-time Assistant Teacher with a student-to-teacher ratio of 9:1.
- Related services are provided in accordance with the IEP. Typically, students will receive OT, SLP, and Mental Health Services through the IEP at The Auburn School.

Student Population

- With a maximum capacity of 75 students, our program will offer instruction for male and female students in grades K-8, ages 5-14.
- Students entering K must be 5 years old on September 1 of their enrollment year.

Curriculum

A personalized educational program will be developed for each student. The program shall utilize Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards and Next Generation Science Standards in alignment with Montgomery County Public School Curriculum K-8. The educational program will focus on academic instruction in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students will also receive instruction in Art, PE, Health, and other electives.

School Day

The Auburn School will operate Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will follow their own calendar, which is closely aligned to the Montgomery County Public School system. Auburn will follow MCPS weather announcements for delays, early dismissals, and closures.

- Half days will operate 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (as noted on Annual SY Calendar)
- **IEP HOURS AND WEEKS: 30 Hours/Week at 36 Weeks**

Facility Location

The Auburn School is located at 9115 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The mapping address for the entrance is 1607 Grace Church Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The leased building contains administrative offices, classrooms, transition space, conference rooms, curriculum room, library, multi-purpose space, and related service offices. Phone is (301) 588.8048.

Family involvement is a high priority at The Auburn School. Parents are encouraged to contact the school at any time. Please note that teaching staff and clinical service providers spend the school day working with students and may not be available to communicate. The school will always provide a designated point person to communicate with parents. Opportunities are available to learn about the educational program and to become more involved in their child's academic endeavors.

Privacy laws dictate that parents obtain permission to observe their child's classroom. Note that this request may not be granted without permission from all guardians of students being observed to protect student privacy rights. Impromptu observations are prohibited.

The Auburn School does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, ethnic background, religion, or gender in the admission of students or the employment of staff. The Auburn School fully complies with the Family Law Article, Title 5, Subtitle 7, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting laws which requires every health practitioner, educator, human services worker, or law enforcement officer who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, report such abuse or neglect to the appropriate authority.

The Auburn School operates under the legal authority of Specialized Education of MD, Inc.

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