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The Deron School of New Jersey, spanning two campuses in Union and Montclair, is a place of growth and possibility for special needs students aged 3-21. Approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, we offer tailored programs for all special education categories, including autism spectrum disorders. With full accreditation from the Middle States Association and active memberships in prestigious organizations like the Council of Private Schools for Children with Special Needs, The Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey, and ASAH, we are committed to excellence in special education.



## Mission Statement

“The mission of The Deron School is to provide a comprehensive school experience within a warm, supportive structured learning environment that empowers students to reach their highest level of independence and achievement. Deron prepares students with disabilities to lead successful, productive lives, allowing them to become contributing members of their community. Our students discover talents, cultivate strengths, conquer challenges, and fulfill dreams.”

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# THE DERON

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## Our Story

Since 1967, The Deron School has been dedicated to delivering specialized programs for students with special needs. As a family-owned school, we uphold elevated standards, introducing innovative programs focused on nurturing success and readiness for the future.

## Curriculum & Instruction

Our comprehensive, research-based curriculum aligns with New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs). Individualized education plans (IEPs) are crafted collaboratively, encompassing academic, behavioral, social, and emotional growth.

## Community Based Instruction (CBI)

Integral to our program, Community-Based Instruction (CBI) provides real-life opportunities for students to develop essential skills. While visiting various locations and experiences, students engage in daily living skills, recreation, travel training, and community awareness.

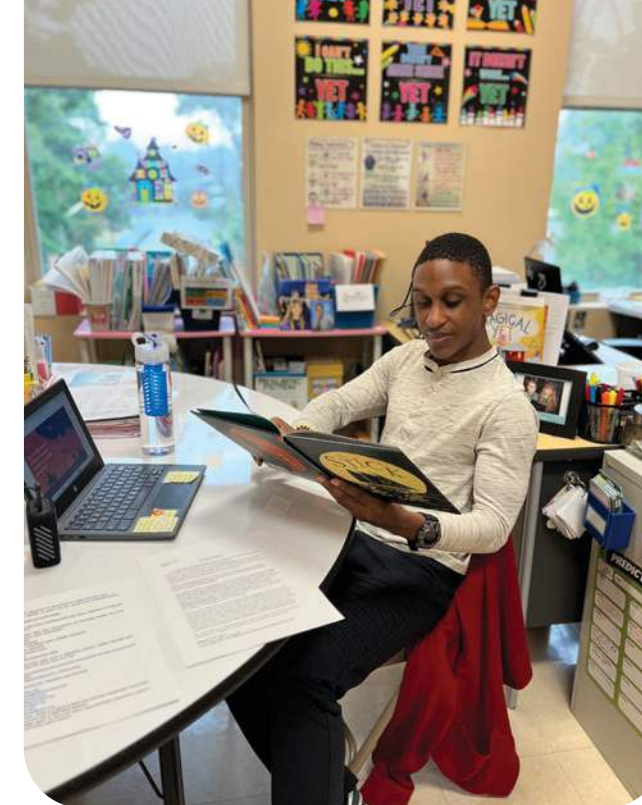


## Extended School Year (ESY): A Comprehensive 30-Day Summer Program

Our 30-day summer program helps to maintain academic, social, and behavioral growth. Themed activities, field trips, and related services ensure a vibrant and supportive learning environment.

## Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) utilize behavior analytic practices to enhance teaching and implement personalized behavior plans, promoting skill acquisition and appropriate behavior.



# Related Arts & 21st Century Skills

Exploring arts, creative programming, and special interests allows students to discover and develop their unique strengths and talents.



## Technology

Technology class introduces essential skills and digital citizenship.



## Art

Art education enhances fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and social skills.



## Music

Music stimulates communication and turn-taking skills, exposing students to diverse genres and instrumental use.



## Daily Living Skills/Family & Consumer Science

Students learn basic and individual living skills in our classroom apartment.



## Physical Education & Health

Adaptive physical education promotes fitness, nutrition, and healthy living.



# Related Services & Additional Supports

At The Deron School, we offer comprehensive, integrated services to support our students' diverse needs.

## Counseling

Our social workers promote academic achievement and social skills training, liaising between the school district, students, and parents. They address emotional, behavioral, and social obstacles and assist with long-term planning services.

## Speech & Language Therapy

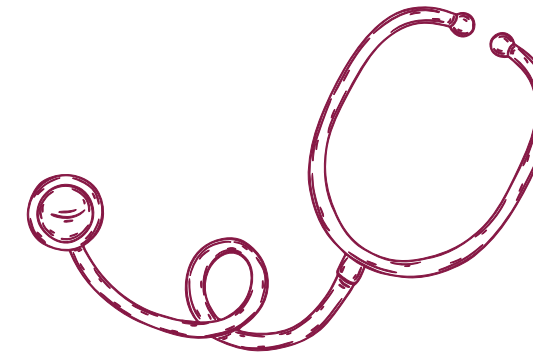
The Speech Department works towards students' communication competence, providing integrated services for skill generalization. Augmentative communication device evaluations and feeding screenings are conducted based on individual student needs.

## Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy

Our fully integrative approach focuses on enhancing students' independence, fine and gross motor skills, and sensory regulation through close collaboration with occupational and physical therapists.

## Nurse

Continuous full-time nursing support ensures prompt medical attention, fostering a secure environment for the well-being of our entire educational community.



## Supplemental Reading

Specialized reading teachers support the development of reading and writing skills, incorporating approaches like Orton Gillingham, Wilson Reading System, and Edmark Reading.



# Additional Supports

## Parent Training & Seminars

Parents are encouraged and trained in collaboration with the Behavior, Speech, and Social Work Departments, allowing them to utilize effective strategies for their children. Training is offered virtually and in person.

## Sensory Room

Dedicated sensory rooms, guided by Occupational Therapists, provide strategies to address students' unique sensory needs.





# Deron Union Campus

## Preschool, Elementary, Middle School

The Union Campus provides a well-rounded program for students in Preschool, Elementary School, and Middle School. With small class sizes and a high staff-to-student ratio, we ensure individual attention and active participation. Our collaborative teaching model excels in serving students with autism and various disabilities.

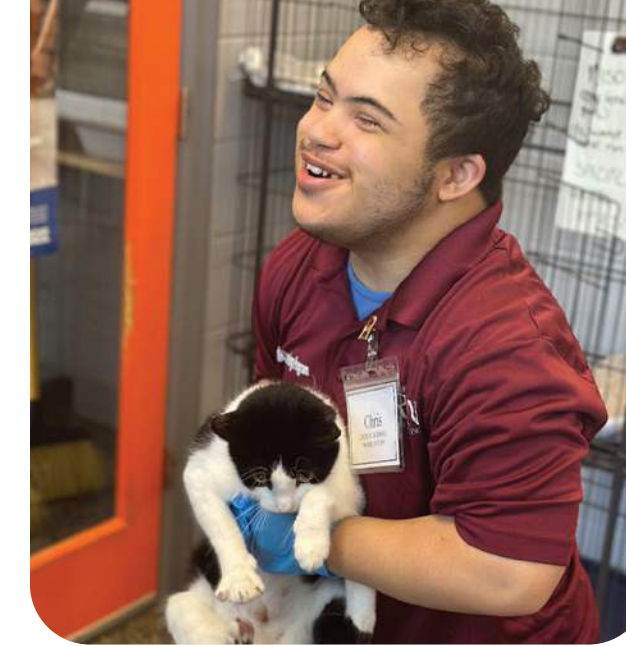


# Deron Montclair Campus



## Middle School, High School

The Montclair Campus provides a robust curriculum aligned with NJSLs. Small class sizes guarantee individual attention. Students receive academic instruction and explore subjects like Art, Music, Gym, Technology, and Family and Consumer Science.



## Transition Program (Bridge)

We offer a post high school experience focusing on independent living, employment preparation, as well as further educational opportunities.



## Work Based Learning (WBL)

Our students participate in WBL experiences that place them in the community in order to develop essential skills for future employment.

# Admissions Process

Applicants are accepted throughout the school year.

## Student Eligibility

The Deron School serves students eligible for Special Education or Related Services (ESERS). Our Multiple Disabled Program caters to various disabilities, including Autism. Public school districts make referrals. Join our monthly Open Houses for facility tours and program details.

## Intake/Visit

We request reports, including IEP and medical information, for an intake. If suitable, an intake is arranged for a joint decision on placement.

## Acceptance

A joint decision will be made by Deron personnel, district, and family based on the intake, evaluations, and reports to determine if the placement is appropriate.

Visit [www.deron.school.org](http://www.deron.school.org) for Open House updates



# Parental Rights

New Jersey Administrative code for special education (N.J.A.C. 6A:14) and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) are laws that ensure children with disabilities have a free, appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. An important part of these laws provides parents with the right to participate in their children's education.

## **If you think that your child has a disability, you have the right to:**

- Have your child evaluated, free of charge by your school district
- See the results of these evaluations and all of your child's school records
- Ask your school district to review and consider the reports of individuals outside of the district who have evaluated your child
- Receive written notice of the district's decision about your child's disability and the reason for this decision

## **If your child has a disability, you are entitled to the following:**

- A free, appropriate public education for your child (also known as FAPE)
- Have your child educated to the maximum extent appropriate in the general education setting and curricula
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) created for your child, where you are a member of the IEP Team

The Parental Rights in Education (PRISE) publication will be offered to you at every IEP meeting. Updated versions (2023) of PRISE can be found in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and Arabic on the NJDOE website at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/parents/ParentalRightsinSpecialEducation2023.pdf>

If you require assistance obtaining a complete copy of Parental Rights in Special Education (PRISE), please feel free to contact our main office.





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