

RESTORING HOPE, TRANSFORMING LIVES



HOLY FAMILY
INSTITUTE

HFI Specialized Learning





HFI Specialized Learning is a licensed Private Academic School for elementary and secondary students. We are dedicated to helping students overcome their unique academic and behavioral challenges so that they can successfully return to their home school districts.

We accept students in grades one through 12 in Allegheny and surrounding counties. Students are referred by their local school district.

Students with Potential

We believe that each child has the potential to make a unique contribution to the world – some just need a special program to help them unlock it. Our learning model is designed to empower children who are dealing with such challenges as learning disabilities, behavior disorders, emotional disturbance and school phobia.

An Individualized Approach to Learning

Upon a student's enrollment in the program, Specialized Learning staff assess their skills and academic knowledge and develop an individualized learning plan to help them cultivate constructive behavior, build knowledge and achieve academic success.

Our model of care and school-wide Positive Behavior Support Program create a safe, predictable, trauma-informed environment for learning.

Our curriculum is aligned with state standards. Adapted physical education, art and music classes are taught by teachers certified in those subject areas. Technology is integrated into every classroom, and all students are provided with Chromebook laptops to support their online studies.



Education Outreach Program

We partner with Manchester Craftsmen's Guild to offer high school students special art instruction in professional studios during the school day. Students explore self-expression while learning skills that are transferable to other academic areas and future careers.

Through our online education program, students can work toward recovering needed high school credits for graduation.

Workforce Development

High school level students engage in a variety of career-exploration and job-readiness activities. We strive to help students gain the knowledge, abilities and skills they need to succeed in their chosen career path.



Supporting Students and their Families

In addition to a full academic curriculum, we also provide behavioral support, social work, psychological services and nursing services, as well as the following programs:

In-School Counseling

We provide in-school counseling to help students cope with mental health issues, whether their own or a family member's. We also provide referrals to outpatient therapeutic and psychiatric treatment when needed.

Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Program (SHORES)

Through Holy Family Institute, we offer a licensed drug and alcohol program that provides primary substance abuse treatment, recovery, support and counseling services for children, adolescents and adults.

Stop Now and Plan (SNAP)

SNAP teaches students (ages 6-11) evidence-based techniques to build self-control and effectively deal with anger.

Outpatient Mental Health

Holy Family Institute's trained counselors provide therapy to adults, children and families struggling with such issues as depression, anger management and trauma.

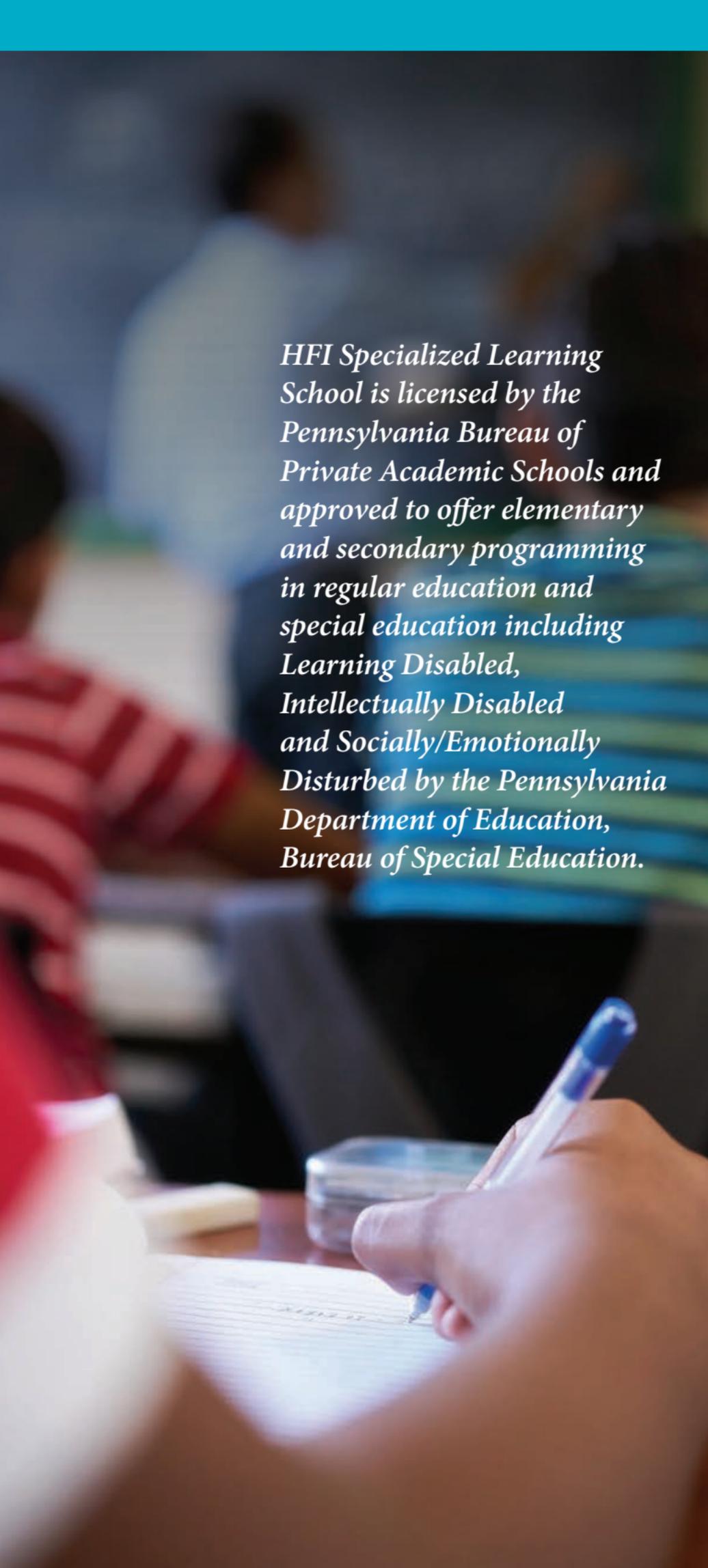
Energy Assistance

Holy Family Institute helps low- and middle-income families qualify for energy, food assistance, and other programs that support financial well-being and basic healthy living needs.

To learn more about these programs and others, visit hfi-pgh.org.

Skilled Staff with Specialized Training

- Each classroom is staffed by a Pennsylvania-certified teacher and a classroom behavior intervention specialist.
- Class size is limited to 12 or fewer students.
- A school counselor and onsite psychologist work with students individually and in small groups, helping them develop skills to effectively deal with the challenges in their lives.
- All of our direct service staff maintains certifications in crisis prevention intervention, CPR and first aid.
- Staff are also trained in child protective services law, suicide screening and prevention and drug and alcohol screening.
- Our Pennsylvania-certified school administrators are experienced in working with students with special needs.



HFI Specialized Learning School is licensed by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Private Academic Schools and approved to offer elementary and secondary programming in regular education and special education including Learning Disabled, Intellectually Disabled and Socially/Emotionally Disturbed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education.



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*We work in the community to transform
the lives of children and families.*

