



# Northwest Center for Autism

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Camelot's NWCA is a therapeutic day school serving students ages 3-21 who have an array of exceptional needs. NWCA provides customized learning and therapy for students diagnosed with the following learning impairments:

- Autism
- Intellectual Disability
- Specific Learning Disability
- Emotional Disability
- Developmental Delay
- Multiple Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Other Health Impairments

Our program provides individualized attention and a curriculum that is based on each student's cognitive ability, learning style, and interest. The goal is for students to make progress on his or her individual goals documented in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) so that they may reintegrate to a less restrictive environment as soon as possible.

## NWCA OFFERS 3 TRACTS FOR PROGRAMMING

### Academic Program

- Students who will earn the traditional diploma from their home school.
- Curriculum is aligned to the Common Core Standards with modifications based on IEP.

### Multi-needs Program

- Students who are on the moderate to severe end of the autism spectrum, developmentally delayed, or have an intellectual disability.
- Maximizes students' independent functioning in school, at home, and within the community.
- Integrates PEAK, Touch Math, Handwriting Without Tears, Edmark, Unique Learning, and NextUp as part of the curriculum.

### Adult Prep Program (APP)

- Students ages 17-21 learn life skills to increase their independence and ensure they have a clear path ahead when they leave NWCA.
- Offers college and career readiness, vocational programming, and transition supports and services.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Camelot NWCA is deeply committed to the academic and social success of its students. Through partnerships with school districts across the country, we focus on reengaging, graduating, and preparing students for success in K-12 and beyond.

## RESOURCE TEAM

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Wednesday & Friday  
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Thursday  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## SCHOOL YEAR

- 12 month calendar year
- Regular school: August - June
- Extended school: June - July (6 weeks)

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## PROGRAM FEATURES

### Building Amenities

- Adapted Playground
- Comfort Rooms
- Computer Lab
- Developmental Workshop
- Fitness Room
- Full Gym with Stage
- Grooming Rooms
- Kitchens
- Library/Resource Room
- Mock Apartment Setting
- OT Room
- Sensory Rooms
- Technology Room

### Expressive Therapies

- Music Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Recreation/Movement Therapy

### Recreation

- Adapted Physical Education
- Special Olympics

### Related Services

- ABA Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Work/Counseling
- Speech Therapy

### Vocational Opportunities

- Community Skills
  - ▣ Shopping and transportation
- Job Shadowing
- Job Skills
  - ▣ Resumes, applications, interviews
- Life Skills
  - ▣ Cooking, grooming, and household
- Paid Community Employment
- Volunteer Community Work



*“Our objective is to meet all academic goals. To change behavior from counterproductive to productive. To develop life skills that will help sustain this change.”*



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## ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK

- NWCA utilizes the Pearson curriculum that is aligned to the Common Core State Standards for all core subjects.
- Six evidence based Instructional Strategies are embedded into lessons for an optimal learning environment.
- The Academic and Multi-needs programs offer a variety of supplemental, remedial, and adapted materials including Reading A-Z, Science A-Z, Scholastic News and Current Events, and more.
- Teachers and paraprofessionals are trained in TEACCH, ABA, Discrete Trial, Structured Teaching, and Floor Time.
- Technology is integrated into the classroom and lesson plans through the use of SMART boards, iPads, and touch-screen computer monitors.
- Academic and vocational outcomes are measured using IEP progress monitoring, MAP Assessments, PEAK, and the Brigance Transition Survey.



**THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM**

**Creating Opportunity for Exceptional Students**

### Contact Us!

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