



## PHILOSOPHY

*A Therapeutic Approach  
to Education*

### INSPIRING EXCELLENCE THROUGH STRUCTURED SUPPORT

Emerging as a leader in alternative education and through years of research, evaluation and development, Lakeside Educational Network has designed **Edu-Care**, a model of alternative education that incorporates the following components:

#### REALIGNMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

A rigorous academic program with congruency to district standards prepares students for a successful transition back to district classes. Individualized academic planning is done for each student to ensure alignment with graduation requirements and post-secondary plans.

#### RESTORATION OF RELATIONSHIPS

An intensive relational focus is used to help students rebuild relationships, respect themselves and others, understand their emotions, and learn effective communication and problem solving skills.

#### REHABILITATION OF BEHAVIOR

A proven behavior management system helps students reshape inappropriate behaviors into positive need-meeting behaviors through problem resolution counseling, goal setting, motivational rewards and personal accountability.

#### REINTEGRATION OF SYSTEMS

A comprehensive team approach is employed to actively involve systems in collaboration, pooling resources and sharing information to help inspire positive changes in students.

#### RE-EDUCATION/SUPPORT OF STAFF

Each staff member must understand, accept and enact these Edu-Care components if students are to be reached and change is to occur. For this reason, staff training and support is provided on an on-going basis to meet staff needs and build a supportive team environment that will inspire students to excellence.

### ACADEMIC

- Rigorous educational program
- College and career preparation
- Small class size (10-15 students)
- UMASD curriculum highlighting 21st century skills
- Certified teachers
- Integrated technology
- Individual academic counseling plans
- Special education services (IEP maintenance & resource room)
- Consultation with parents
- Opportunities available for vocational technical training, dual enrollment, college visitation, virtual high school, community service and work study

### CLINICAL

- Individualized treatment planning
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Casemanagement services
- Attendance accountability
- Parent consultation
- Transition counseling and coordination
- Collaboration with administrators, guidance counselors and other support personnel
- Career counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Referrals to outside services

### BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

- Motivational system of rewards and recognition
- Goal setting groups
- Point and level system
- Full-time problem resolution room and counselor
- Structured behavioral interventions
- Truancy elimination plans
- Parent consultation and planning
- Disciplinary system designed to engage students and enlist additional support as needed

### TRANSITION

**PHASE 1**  
Attend Vantage Academy full-time with an individualized plan indicating goals and objectives to be met in order to return to district classes

**PHASE 2**  
Attend Vantage classes half-time and district classes in morning or in afternoon, with daily counseling and tutorial support

**PHASE 3**  
Attend district classes full-day with weekly contact with Vantage staff for counseling support, accountability and encouragement

**PHASE 4**  
Attend district classes full-time with support offered from Vantage staff as needed

# VANTAGE ACADEMY

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Vantage Academy is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a private provider of Alternative Education.

*Nondiscrimination in Services:*  
admissions, the provisions of services, and referrals of students shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, limited English proficiency, age or sex. Program services shall be made accessible to eligible persons with disabilities through the most practical and economically feasible methods possible.



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*A partnership between  
Lakeside Educational Network  
& Upper Merion Area School District*

Vantage Academy is a comprehensive alternative education program formed through a collaborative effort between the Upper Merion Area School District and Lakeside Educational Network. It is designed to provide students with the academic, counseling and behavioral support necessary to overcome obstacles and achieve success.

Vantage Academy serves over 50 students annually in grades seven through twelve who have experienced difficulty in the regular school setting. Certified teachers and trained clinicians work together with each student and family to address academic, emotional and behavioral needs. The primary goal of the program is to provide students with the support needed to achieve their goals and transition successfully to district classes or post-secondary institutions.

“I have  
been  
*inspired to*  
**EXCELLENCE**  
since coming to  
Vantage Academy”

