

The Bancroft Experience

The Bancroft School, Mountainside provides an educational and supportive environment that meets the unique needs of each student ages 3–21. Through a collaborative team approach and advanced therapeutic services, we help students reach their full potential.



Who We Serve

Children and Young Adults with Multiple Disabilities

- Multiply Disabled
- Down Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Rett Syndrome
- Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Fragile X Syndrome
- Cri Du Chat Syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy
- Other Developmental Delays
- Other Intellectual and Physical Disabilities

Therapeutic services are a part of every student's educational program and are provided in and out of the classroom, both individually and in a small group setting.

- **Skill specific groups** include adaptive physical education and sports, feeding, pre-vocational, social skills, functional play skills, speech, range of motion, gait training, and adaptive yoga. These groups provide students with a safe space for individuals with therapists/teachers in one of our specialized rooms.
- **Life skills rooms** include adapted living and dining areas, office skills areas, laundry, and kitchen areas.
- **Vocational support** including community-based instruction, pre-vocational programming, job sampling and transition planning services.

Transitional services

- **Job sampling program** prepares students ages 18–21 for the world of work, while also building community partnerships that enhance the educational experience of all students. While job sampling, students may shadow employees and/or participate in workplace activities, with multiple opportunities to increase independence.
- **Community-based instruction** provides natural opportunities for meaningful daily living skills practice to students ages 14–21. Concepts and skills introduced in the classroom are applied and practiced in natural environments in the community.

How We Support Our Students

Individualized education programs are designed to challenge and motivate each student to reach their highest potential. Class sizes are intentionally small allowing our students to get the individualized attention they need.

An expert team of certified Special Education Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Nurses, Therapists (Speech, Physical, and Occupational), Social Workers, Behavior Specialists, and Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

Sensory-friendly environments provide sensory input and enhance sensory processing, fine motor skills, and motor planning. Our sensory room is equipped with mats, swings, beanbags, and more.



Transforming Lives Through Technology

Technology is incorporated throughout the school day to enhance the learning experience.

Examples include:

- **Promethean boards:** Interactive instructional panels
- **3D printers:** A multimodal approach to teaching that allows students to physically hold and understand the item that they are learning about
- **Funtronic floor:** Interactive projection tool designed for exercise games and all motion-based activities
- **TAPit:** The interactive mobile and touch screen for adaptive, on-the-go Physical Education
- **iPads, eye gaze devices, and other augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices** for students to communicate and access curriculum
- **Adaptive keyboards and switches**



Our Therapy Programs

Occupational Therapy

Focuses on developing the functional living skills that students need to increase their independence in the classroom, in the community, and at home. These skills include activities of daily living (ADLs), fine motor, sensory processing, visual perception, and vocational skills specific to each individual child's needs.

Physical Therapy

Focuses on working with the student to facilitate gross motor development while improving function, safety, and independence. Our therapists implement an individualized treatment plan for each student, including caregiver and staff training, evaluating and ordering adaptive equipment, and collaborating with OTs, SLPs, teachers, and paraprofessional staff.

Speech Therapy

Focuses on improving the student's communication and feeding abilities. Our therapists provide an individualized, functional communication plan to assist students throughout the day.

Behavioral Supports

Focuses on the function of behavior. Our team conducts functional behavioral assessments and develops a behavior support plan to enhance student learning.

Accepting New Students

- Rolling Admissions
- 30-day Extended School Year (ESY)
- Off-site after care available through the Arc of Union County

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Bancroft is a premier provider of education and related programs and services for children and adults living with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and medical complexities.