

Our programs

The Hope Center for Autism

Prekindergarten - 2nd grade

The Hope Academy for Autism

3rd - 6th grade

Next Step

Social and vocational supports for teens and young adults

Next Step Outreach

Parent support group, counseling, behavior services, advocacy, community awareness, employer support, assessment

FAQ?

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a public school that is privately run.

What is the tuition at The Hope Center?

The Hope Center and Hope Academy are public schools. There is no tuition.

Does my child need to have the McKay Scholarship to attend?

No

Will my child lose McKay benefits while attending Hope?

No

My child is "high functioning" is Hope the appropriate setting?

At Hope we do not classify our students as "high" or "low" functioning. All of our students have strengths and weaknesses just like everyone. Our programs are designed to teach students the skills that are preventing him/her from being successful in less restrictive settings like a traditional public school. We focus our supports on the areas of need that are consistent with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis such as executive function skills, pragmatic language and communication needs. Our staff will determine the most effective supports to help your child function with the least amount of support from others. Our goal is independence and our mission is to open doors to a limitless future.

Are the teacher's certified?

Yes, all of our teachers are certified and our therapists are licensed. All of our staff participate in ongoing professional development so that we are familiar with the most effective evidence based interventions available for each child.

What is the teacher to student ratio?

The majority of our students benefit from a ratio of one teacher for every three students. Some of our students require more intensive intervention and others require less. Individualizing supports enables our staff to provide each child with the interventions that work best for him or her.

How is The Hope Center and Hope Academy different from other schools in our area?

Our goal is to prepare all who enter our doors with the skills needed to exit our school ready for a more independent life with limitless possibility. We use a variety of evidence based interventions to support instruction in the Florida Standards and Florida Access Points. Staff participate in weekly progress monitoring sessions to review student progress and determine if changes are needed. We believe in a continuous system of improvement.

Hope is about preparation for the future. Whether your child participates in our full time school program, social skills groups or other programs we strive for success defined as an increase in independence across settings, situations and people.