

Charterhouse School

Charterhouse School offers year-round comprehensive educational services for students ages 11 to 18 in the UMFS Treatment Center. The school is licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and accredited by the Virginia Association of Specialized Education Facilities.

Charterhouse School's curriculum is aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning and offers a broad range of middle and high school courses in language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health and physical education, art, horticulture, computer technology, and service learning. Charterhouse School's career and technical education programs offer students an introduction to the skills they need to be successful in life. The curriculum also allows students to undertake independent study; i.e., GED preparation or online classes for high school credit. Extracurricular activities such as music, book club, and drama are also offered. Staff members at Charterhouse School include highly qualified teachers and trained behavior specialists who work together as a team to provide students and their families with coordinated educational services.

Charterhouse School Day Program

The Charterhouse School Day Program provides specialized education services to youth 11-18 years of age who struggle to function in their current school setting. We accept students with poor motivation, poor impulse control, short attention span and withdrawn behaviors. We also work with youth with emotional disturbances, learning disabilities, perceptual disorders, language disorders, social skill deficits, hyperactive behaviors, and struggles with their primary support systems. Individual and group therapy are available to each student throughout the week. The Day Program operates on a 9½-month (September-June) schedule.

Summer School

Our six-week summer program for extended school year students operates from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday (educational field trip day), June-August. The summer program is closed on Fridays. The summer program consists of two remedial classes per day in math and English/reading. Students receive homework remediation, computer technology, art, music, physical education, and daily recreation on our campus, as well as one individual therapy session per week and two psycho-educational groups per week.

After-School Program

Our after-school program operates from 3 to 6 p.m. on all school days, September-June, and provides opportunities to learn and grow in a safe and structured environment. After-school activities include homework remediation, recreation, and a life skills group, all designed to help students develop new skills and develop into responsible adults. Other activities may cover topics such as technology, reading, math, science, and the arts; new experiences, such as community service; or tutoring and mentoring opportunities.

Therapeutic Treatment Services in the Public Schools

Beginning in the 2009-10 school year, UMFS will take its Therapeutic Treatment Services into the public schools. This Medicaid-approved service will be available on a year-round basis to serve students with behavioral and emotional problems that prevent them from functioning with their peers and teachers in a school setting. Our goal is to help students display age-appropriate behavior at home, in the school, in the neighborhood, and in the community at large. As a result, we expect to reduce suspensions, improve school attendance and time on task, resulting in improved grades and test scores.

UMFS Therapeutic Treatment Services in the Public Schools include Positive Behavior Support, Crisis Intervention, Individual Therapy, Family Counseling, Group Therapy, Case Coordination, and Group Counseling. Additional UMFS FamilyCARE and school-based services are available.