



Academy for Autism

**Providing education to kids with Autism
in a way that makes sense to them.**

Our staff at the Academy for Autism (AFA) understand that each child with autism is unique. They come prepared to address each student's needs and ensure they are provided with the tools necessary to succeed. AFA serves students ages 5 – 22 who have received an educational or medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

All students who attend AFA are engaged in the evidenced-based STAR Autism Program that targets expressive, receptive, and spontaneous language, functional routines, pre-academic concepts, and play and social interaction skills. The STAR Autism Program we utilize, closes the gap for students who are unable to access traditional general and special education curricula.

Referrals for AFA come directly from school districts. If you think your child could thrive at AFA or benefit from our program, please talk to your home district professionals.



**NATIONALLY ACCREDITED
STAR AUTISM CURRICULUM**



**2:1 STAFF TO
STUDENT RATIO**

AFA Parent Testimonial

"We are so incredibly thankful for AFA. We lost faith and lost hope, but AFA has restored it all. Trusting someone with my non-verbal son is one of the most challenging things I have ever done. Now I get emails saying, "[Your son]" has captured our hearts here at AFA! I have loved watching him learn, grow, and be successful at communicating." Since starting at AFA, my son has significantly grown. Areas where he was regressing, he's now progressing. The teachers and staff at AFA are trained and skilled at everything they do. They are amazing at communicating with me and we will forever be grateful for everything they have done for our son. My only regret is not moving him sooner!"

– AFA parent



**Interested in learning more
about the Academy for Autism?**

Contact our Vice President of Education

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