

***Our Faculty and Staff
Are Made up of a Variety of
Highly Qualified Teachers and
Related Service Providers:***

Special Education Teachers

Board Certified Behavior Analysts

Occupational Therapists

Speech and Language Pathologists

Physical Therapists

School Adjustment Counselors

School Psychologists

Team Chairs

Nursing

Paraprofessionals



***Consultation Services and Direct
Service:***

We provide weekly consultation between the special education teacher, school psychologist, behavior analyst, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, physical therapists. We use a strengths-based model to discuss academic development and integration of skills with the goal of students' increasing independence.

Parent/guardian input, support and communication is an integral part of our program. Communication with parents to discuss progress occurs regularly throughout the school year.

**PACE Middle School
Program**

**Personalized
Academics and
Community Education**

***Luther Burbank
Middle School***



Who Are We?

The PACE (Personalized Academics and Community Experience) program is a substantially separate program that serves students from grades 6 through 8. The program is designed to provide small group and individualized instruction to develop students' academic, adaptive behavior, daily living, social, and communication skills. The program includes regular community-based instruction to assist students in accessing their community and provide opportunities for the generalization of skills. In addition, we begin to introduce pre-vocational training and education.

Students have varying levels of inclusion opportunities and all students attend elective classes with grade-level peers. Students are supported in inclusion by program staff as prescribed by the IEP.

Students in this program participate in MCAS on-demand testing or MCAS Alternative Testing; this is a decision made based upon DESE guidelines.

Key Goals of Our Program:

The program is focused upon developing students' functional academics, communication and social skills with the ultimate goal of having students enhance their ability to integrate skills with increasing independence in school and community-based settings.

In addition, the program is designed to foster prosocial behavior and teach essential skills of daily living such as hygiene, health and cooking.



Services We Provide:

We provide service based on individual students' needs. Accommodations we provide include assistive technology, organizational training, voice output and social skills development apps.

We utilize varying levels of ABA methodologies as prescribed by students' needs; which include discrete trial training, functional behavioral assessments, FAIR plans, positive behavioral supports and naturalized environment training.

In addition, our program provides a specialized Health class specifically designed for students' developmental levels, which focus upon topics related to nutrition, hygiene, body systems, and bodily functions, fitness and human growth and development. In addition, we provide education regarding puberty and interpersonal relationships.