CONNECT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Grades 9th - 12th (Ages 14 - 21)

Connect Academy High School serves students in grades 9th through 12th (ages 14–21) with emotional disabilities, other health impairments, high-functioning autism, and specific learning disabilities. We offer a therapeutic, academically rigorous environment with individualized instruction, transition planning, and integrated supports. Our program is aligned with state and district graduation requirements and supports reintegration into home districts when appropriate.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Connect Academy High School
Opening Fall of 2025
105 Army Trail Blvd
Addison, IL 60101

Building Hours:
- 8:00am-4:00pm | M-F

School Hours:
- 9:00am-2:30pm | M, T, Th, F
- 9:00am-2:00pm | W

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"Connect Academy High School's mission is to maximize students' strengths and to minimize the impact of their disability. Students will partner with staff to become empowered and engaged with their own learning and behavioral growth from the moment they enroll at Connect Academy High School.

OUR INSTRUCTIONAL STYLE

- Academic curriculum aligned to Illinois Learning Standards and individualized to meet IEP goals.
- Vocational training and community-based learning opportunities to develop real-world skills.
- Social-emotional learning programs teach skills for managing emotions, setting goals, and building relationships.
- Therapeutic services, including art therapy, address emotional and behavioral needs.

OUR PROGRAM

Led by experienced educators and therapists, our program emphasizes college and career readiness alongside social-emotional development.

- Maximum Class size of 10 students with a 5:1 student-to-staff ratio, allowing for individualized attention and consistent support.
- Life skills instruction focuses on foundational soft skills such as task completion, sequencing activities, maintaining an organized workspace, and following multi-step directions.
- Family collaboration is central to our approach, ensuring each student's educational and post-secondary goals are closely aligned.

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