



## The Day School at The Children's Institute

**The Day School at The Children's Institute provides children with complex and severe disabilities the special assistance and services they need to thrive and succeed. Each year, nearly 200 children from more than 60 school districts are enrolled in The Day School. Long regarded as a national leader in the education of children with disabilities, it is the first school, and one of only two in Pennsylvania, to be accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES).**

The Day School's transdisciplinary team of teachers, therapists and paraprofessionals works with students and their parents to determine personalized learning goals based on each child's strengths and needs. The Day School has only eight students in most classes with six in each classroom for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each classroom has one teacher and two aides.

The program combines a functional curriculum—including art, music, adapted physical education, a fully equipped library and in-class computer resources—with a focus on building life skills, all within a supportive, compassionate learning environment.

The staff of The Day School at The Children's Institute believes in a collaborative, team-based approach to education that includes students, parents and school districts. Every staff person is skilled, qualified and committed to serving students, and all members of the classroom teams are trained to help students achieve their specific cognitive, motor and social goals. Our unique transdisciplinary team approach helps students achieve these goals established in their individualized educational programs (IEP).

The Day School is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Private Academic Schools, to provide special education on the pre-school, elementary and secondary levels for students with autism, mental retardation, physical handicaps, neurological impairments, social/emotional challenges, learning disabilities, speech/language impairments or hearing impairments. The Day School at The Children's Institute is approved for tuition reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local school districts for students who are identified as challenged by autism, neurological impairment or cerebral palsy.



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## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE DAY SCHOOL AT THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

### Endowed Scholarships

The Day School at The Children's Institute holds the philosophy that each child deserves the very best. The special needs of students make it necessary to keep class sizes small. This small student-to-teacher ratio increases costs substantially. Tuition for The Day School is more than \$57,700 per student each academic year.

With the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund, The Children's Institute will ensure that all parents who want their children to attend The Day School will not be denied because of insufficient funding. A gift of support to the scholarship fund will help provide a child with a school experience unlike any other.

For more information on The Day School, please contact Bill Bauer, director of The Day School, at 412.420.2300 or [bba@the-institute.org](mailto:bba@the-institute.org).

For more information on ways to support The Day School at The Children's Institute, please contact the development department at [dev@the-institute.org](mailto:dev@the-institute.org) or call 412.420.2205.

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS - KIDS HELPING KIDS

Organizing a school fundraising event for The Day School at The Children's Institute is one way to help introduce children to a lifetime of giving and nurture the next generation of philanthropists, developing habits of independence, kindness, good judgment and responsibility.

If you are considering a fundraiser in your classroom to benefit one of ours, please contact the annual fund coordinator at 412.420.2254 or visit [www.amazingkids.org](http://www.amazingkids.org) to download the necessary forms. Think creatively about ways students can see the results of their work—and experience the satisfaction of helping our amazing kids.