



Quick Facts

Highly Individualized Instruction:

Our average student-teacher ratio is 4:1 for reading, writing and mathematics and other academic classes.

Grades We Teach:

We are a coed school for students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Certified and Experienced Faculty:

All teachers are state-certified in special education or literacy/remedial reading. Our multidisciplinary staff also includes: a librarian, an art teacher, a music teacher, a physical education instructor, and our integrated services team comprised of speech & language pathologists, a school counselor, a social worker and an occupational therapist. A large proportion of our staff hold, or are working toward, advanced degrees.

Reading Instruction:

All reading instruction utilizes the 5 components of reading which are: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Reading teachers are trained in the use of the best multisensory strategies and approaches to develop reading skills. These strategies and approaches are based on reading programs that include, Orton-Gillingham, Merrill, Wilson, and Lindamood-Bell. . All teachers at Villa Maria, regardless of subject area, are trained in and utilize the PAF program for reading, which is a structured, language based, multi-sensory approach. This allows for consistent instruction throughout the day that extends beyond reading class..

Writing and Language Arts Instruction:

Language Arts teachers use approaches and techniques based on programs including Basic Writing Skills, Story Grammar, and Theme Maker. Handwriting instruction is based on Handwriting Without Tears as well as other programs recommended by our occupational therapists.

Math Instruction:

Teachers employ multisensory strategies, using manipulatives, and real life experience so students may move from the concrete to conceptual understanding. They use programs such as iReady Go Math and may utilize the strategies of the Lindamood-Bell On Cloud Nine. Students are assessed using iReady Math and individual goals are created based on student skills.

Science Instruction:

Science education focuses on the major themes of Physical Sciences, including biology, physics, chemistry, geology, and environmental sciences. Students work both indoors at the science lab tables, as well as outside, to explore the science of the world around them. Field Trips are a part of the program to give students a deeper understanding of the concepts they are learning. Study skills, comprehension goals and social communication are integrated into the students class.



Social Studies / History Education:

Our students study the five themes of social studies, including history, geography, government, economics, and culture, as we examine our local, regional, and global neighbors, and our place among these neighbors. Students examine primary and secondary source documents intended to help them become critical thinkers. They use critical thinking skills to make connections in their own lives. Here too they incorporate study skills, reading comprehension and social communication.

Integrated Services Team:

Villa Maria provides integrated support for speech and language and social emotional skills through skill-based push-in lessons once per week. Our speech and language therapists, social worker, school counselor, and occupational therapist also provide pull-out related services to students that are also integrated throughout their school day. The frequency of these sessions is determined based on their need (and/or as outlined by their IEP). Occupational Therapy is not included in tuition and is an additional fee

Technology Integration:

Our faculty and students employ technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Active Panels, iPads, and Chromebooks all provide students with access to information, software, and digital tools to individualize instruction and empower students to improve their academic performance.

Arts Instruction:

Students engage in a robust visual arts program which includes painting, drawing, collage, and ceramics. Our music program spans the gamut of song and sound. Executive Functioning and Social Communication Skills are integrated into these classes.

Physical Education and Athletics:

Our physical education program has a primary focus on team building and cooperation. This is accomplished through both independent and group fitness based activities. Some of those activities include: basketball, yoga, cross-fit, soccer and footskills, obstacles course challenges, building full body strength and agility, and more.

School Nurse:

Villa Maria has a full time school nurse. In addition to her duties as a nurse, she will also be facilitating our Health, Wellness and Safety Programs.

2021-2022 Tuition:

Tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$58,900

Financial Aid:

About 24% of our students receive some form of financial assistance.