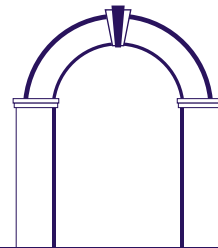


A peek inside the arched front entrance makes it clear that this is not an ordinary school. With its wide-open spaces, bright colors, ample meeting rooms and numerous skylights and windows, this is a school where nurturing family life is key.



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Building on strength and vitality

Since 2001, MOUNT PLEASANT ACADEMY (MPA) has established itself as a premiere facility for children who need extra support for their educational and emotional development.

MOUNT PLEASANT ACADEMY provides cutting-edge education and therapeutic services for its children and their families. By combining current research findings, state-of-the-art teaching and multisensory strategies, and a fully-integrated team of educators, occupational therapists, speech/language therapists, children's mental health specialists, and family support workers, we can provide children at MPA comprehensive services that surpass those available in a public school setting.

Our 2:1 student-to-staff ratio allows us to create individualized programs for each child in order to best meet his/her unique strengths and needs. What we have is really a family approach; it's not just for kids. We view the parents as partners in the learning and therapeutic process.

MPA serves boys and girls in grades pre-K through 8, from anywhere in Rhode Island or neighboring states. Certified as both a regular and special education facility, MPA welcomes and supports children with IEPs and 504 Accommodation Plans. Likewise, children who may not require specialized academic support but do need a quiet, predictable, therapeutic setting can thrive at Mount Pleasant Academy.

Some of the many services offered at MOUNT PLEASANT ACADEMY include:

- Classrooms with no more than 8 children
- Individualized programming
- Full-day preschool and kindergarten
- Individual counseling
- Groups social skills training
- Diagnostic testing (educational, cognitive, neuropsychological, speech/language, occupational therapy, psychiatric)
- Nursing services and medication management
- Family support and counseling
- 45-day summer program
- Certified as a regular- and special-education facility, it is one of the first such programs in RI. Dual certification promotes 'inclusion' classrooms that include students a range of abilities. Children who meet their goals and may no longer require an IEP can therefore remain with the same teacher and set of peers.

“Some of our children will have both learning and emotional difficulties; some will have few academic issues, but will still need an intensely therapeutic environment.”

MOUNT PLEASANT ACADEMY is a program of Family Service of RI, an accredited non-profit agency that has been serving children and families for more than a century.

“Before we came to Family Service, my child was not attending school, was very nervous about even going into school. Now, thanks to the services from the staff at MPA, my child is in there every morning. MPA is a wonderful place. I could go on and on, but there is not enough... My child is so much better, it is all because of the staff member's hard work each day! I am very pleased with the support my daughter receives, as well as (the support for) our family. The teachers and staff at MPA are amazing.”

“I feel that MPA is a wonderful place/school for children that suffer from different emotional issues. MPA staff is very sincere and supportive of each child. My child has really changed since going to the school. The whole staff has really helped.”

“Dear Jeff: I can never thank you enough for creating the perfect school for my child. Your staff, building, structure, and constant support gave my child what he needed to move on... I wish you continued success as you work and advocate for those most fragile. Best wishes and my deepest thanks.”

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