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## School Program

**B**ridgeport School educates students with mild cognitive delays and challenges with social communication and/or language development. The school serves students ages 5-21, many with autism spectrum disorder. The mission of the Bridgeport School is to provide students with the ability to access skills that will improve their quality of life, and to assist them in becoming productive members of their communities. It is designed for students who can benefit from an academic curriculum as well as hands-on life skills instruction and vocational services. Delivery of the curriculum is age appropriate and as close to the natural environment as possible. The Bridgeport curriculum is structured for life-long independence and self-fulfillment.

The comprehensive program includes:

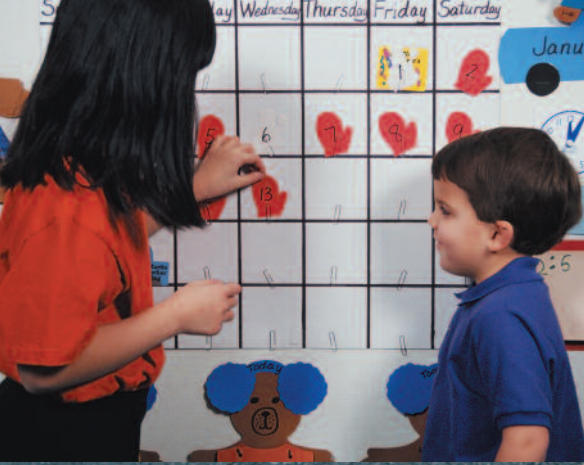
- . Small class size
- . Individualized academic instruction and functional curriculum
- . Emphasis on social communication and social skills training
- . Positive behavior support
- . Vocational education
- . Occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, counseling and adaptive physical education as indicated on the child's I.E.P.
- . Weekly computer lab classes
- . Elective programs, including art and drama, music classes, reading club and student council
- . Physical education with access to the fitness center

This integrated educational and therapeutic program is designed to promote academic, communicative, behavioral, social, motor, adaptive and independent living skills. The mission of Bridgeport School is to provide students with the ability to develop skills that will enable them to fully realize their potential. The school provides three distinct curricula depending on the student's grade level:

The **Elementary/Middle School Program** integrates the California State standards with the core subject areas. Through the use of research-based teaching strategies, each student will learn fundamental reading, writing, and math skills. Intensive remediation is provided to ensure that each student reaches his or her potential.

The **High School Program** reflects a greater emphasis on applied academic skills, community-based and vocational instruction. It is based on the premise that students learn best from direct instruction and "real life" experiences. The program is experiential, embedding core academics within community-based instruction and vocational education.

The **Transition Program**, designed for students 18-21 years of age, bridges the gap between high school and adult independence. The curriculum reflects skills that are required for all adults to function independently, including on-the-job-training in the community and on campus.



## Campus

Bridgeport is located in Sherman Oaks and Culver City. Its state-of-the-art education campuses include: a sensory training center, computer-learning center, student-operated store and athletic and play areas.

## Certification & Affiliations

The Bridgeport School, Sherman Oaks Campus, is certified by the California Department of Education and exceeds all state program requirements. The Bridgeport Program, Culver City Campus, operates under the auspices of Village Glen School Westside, which is also certified by the California State Department of Education. All services are provided by a highly professional, licensed and credentialed staff.

Bridgeport is affiliated with The Help Group Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, The Help Group-UCLA Neuropsychology Program and The Help Group.

## Admissions

The pre-admissions and admissions process includes a tour of the facilities and program orientation, submission of an application, interview with the family and child, and a review of the educational and related records by the admissions committee. For further information, please contact the Admissions Department at 818.779.5262 or visit [www.thehelpgroup.org](http://www.thehelpgroup.org). Bridgeport admits students from the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, the Greater Los Angeles area and neighboring communities.

Bridgeport accepts students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion and of either sex.

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