

## MISSION

The ACCESS Program's mission is to provide specialized educational, therapeutic, and diagnostic services for K-12 students to support each student in developing the skills and attributes needed for personal and academic success.

*The ACCESS Program takes great care in providing individualized plans to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of the students through ongoing communication and collaboration.*

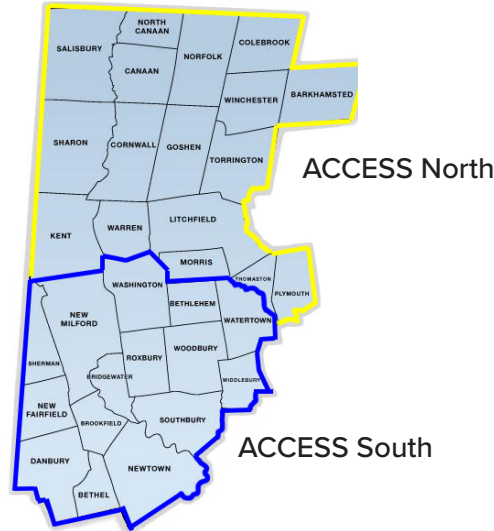
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*ACCESS provides a small, structured environment which supports students' social, emotional, and academic growth and development. The ACCESS team is professional in their approach with students and in their collaboration with families, support teams, and districts.*

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# SERVICES

For over 20 years, EdAdvance's ACCESS Program has partnered with area school districts to provide cost effective, specialized educational, therapeutic, and diagnostic services for students with social, emotional, and behavioral conditions that significantly impact their ability to learn.

ACCESS provides superior quality, personalized learning and behavioral programs in an inclusive and engaging environment. We collaborate closely with students, families, and districts to design a comprehensive plan that addresses the educational, social/emotional, and transitional needs of each student.

ACCESS provides services in two locations in western CT: ACCESS North in Torrington, CT and ACCESS South in Danbury, CT.

Services include:

- K-12 Academic/Therapeutic Outplacement Programs
- Short-term Diagnostic & Learning Center Services
- Expelled Student Educational Programs
- Summer Credit Recovery Programs

## Team

Our team-based, therapeutic approach provides students with a safe, supportive, and structured environment where they can develop the problem-solving and self-management skills necessary for success at school, in the community, and in their personal lives.

Our highly-qualified, professional staff includes administrators; teachers certified in elementary, secondary, and special education; social workers; BCBA's; and therapists (OT, PT, SLP). Specially-trained behavioral technicians and paraprofessionals provide additional social, academic, and emotional support.



## Academic Programs

- Focus on the goals in each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Curricula are aligned with national and state standards.
- Utilize evidence-based approaches to support student academic growth.
- Engage students in experiential learning activities to prepare them for college and careers.
- Coordinated with school districts to fulfill graduation requirements, plan for transition, and develop postsecondary goals.

## Therapeutic Services

- Individual, group, and family counseling sessions focus on behavioral strategies for student success.
- Counseling sessions are guided by licensed social workers and board certified behavioral analysts; psychiatric consults are available as indicated.
- Crisis Intervention and Treatment Planning.
- Life and Social Skills Development.
- Coordination with community resources and medical and behavioral health providers.

## Program Options

### K-12 Academic/Therapeutic Outplacement Programs

ACCESS provides full academic year (180 day) Outplacement Programs at its Danbury and Torrington locations for K-12 students who experience challenges in a mainstream school setting. The program supports each student's individual needs for personal and academic success.

### Short-term Diagnostic & Learning Center Services

The Diagnostic & Learning Center provides comprehensive evaluations to identify and plan for each student's academic and social development needs.

### Expelled Student Educational Programs

This program provides full or partial year academic services for expelled students, customized to district needs. Students receive up to 12 hours of direct academic instruction as well as a counseling session at ACCESS each week. For the remaining time each week, students receive blended learning instruction using Odysseyware®, supervised by our certified teachers.

### Summer Credit Recovery Programs

Certified teaching staff at ACCESS provide tutoring in core academic areas and personalized instruction for credit recovery. Flexible scheduling is available based on the needs of the student and district.

*Our program options include: academic year, summer, and short term programs.*