

THE HEARTSHARE SCHOOL SUPPORTS EACH CHILD IN BECOMING AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE.



The HeartShare School is a school for students ages 5 to 21 with Autism Spectrum Disorders, where they experience a curriculum and therapies for a brighter, more independent future.

#### Our Mission:

To educate and support, with dignity and respect, children, adolescents and young adults on the autism spectrum in order to expand opportunities and enhance lives.

#### Our Vision:

Our commitment to excellent services and supports, which enable students to reach their fullest potential and lead meaningful lives as active participants in society.

#### **Our Services:**

Educational Curriculum Speech & Language Therapy Physical & Occupational Therapy Computer Assisted Learning Art & Music Therapy Counseling Services Full-Time School Nurse Transition Assistance Parent Education and Networking

#### **The HeartShare School**

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# THE HEARTSHARE SCHOOL



Educating Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

## THE HEARTSHARE SCHOOL UTILIZES EDUCATIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL APPROACHES BASED ON EACH CHILD'S NEEDS.

**Eligibility / Criteria** The HeartShare School is approved by the New York State Education Department to educate students ages 5 to 21 diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Enrollment** Children are referred to The HeartShare School by the New York City Department of Eduction (DOE) as non-public school referrals. Families with Nickerson Letters may apply directly to The HeartShare School without a referral from the DOE.

Location The HeartShare School is located in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn at 1825 Bath Avenue (between Bay 19th and Bay 20th Streets), Brooklyn, NY 11214. Its entrance is on Bay 19th Street.

**Hours** The HeartShare School is a 12-month program where children attend classes from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays.

**Cost** Services are provided at no cost to eligible families.

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Opened in 2007, The HeartShare School utilizes various teaching methodologies to maximize the learning potential of each student.

### Both Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), with 1:1 discrete trial instruction, and the TEACCH approach are used within a selfcontained, structured classroom setting.

The HeartShare School utilizes the New York City Common Core Curriculum and academic goals are modified to meet each child's individual needs. The school's annual science fair and career day are among the many activities that enrich the academic curriculum. The HeartShare School classrooms have computers and iPads with specialized learning apps appropriate to each student's academic and development level.

The HeartShare School also offers speech, occupational and physical therapies as needed. Art and music classes are held three times per week. Individual music and art sessions are available based on student interest.

The student choir and rock band, which perform at the school's annual talent show and other events, is therapeutic and encourages self-expression.

Believing that fitness and recreation are an important part of each child's day, students attend physical education class daily.

The HeartShare School has both an indoor gymnasium and an outside accessible playground, which includes swings, a basketball court, as well as space accommodating organized sports, including tennis, soccer and badminton.

The HeartShare School maintains an open door policy and encourages the active participation of parents in team meetings regarding their child's education plan, parenting groups and workshops, as well as holiday celebrations and special occasions.

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