



Martin  
Luther  
School

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# We Teach Hope.

Martin Luther School, an Approved Private School, provides a comprehensive program for students who need emotional support. Our school is designed to allow our students to confidently engage in personalized, purposeful learning, joyfully celebrate individual and collective success, and respectfully challenge self and others to grow. We use a holistic educational approach to address the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of children in K through 12th grades.



Instruct The Mind

Engage The Heart



Empower The Will



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# A Holistic Approach to Education for Grades K through 12

At **Martin Luther School**, the student is at the center of learning. Across our curriculum, students engage in challenging activities designed to engage their interests and create opportunities to discover new passions and talents. We develop four crucial 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills: collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. These skills are vital for students to become life-long learners in our rapidly changing world.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



Our core belief is that learning deepens when students think, talk, read, and write about authentic texts across many different instructional contexts. Our curriculum is supported by Fountas and Pinnel's Classroom collection and the Wilson Language program.

## MATH



Our program, aligned to the PA Core Standards, emphasizes procedural skills and conceptual understanding to ensure students are learning and applying the critical information to succeed at higher levels.

## SCIENCE



Science lessons are taught authentically in a designated lab space. The curriculum follows broad themes that include life, physical, and earth sciences. As a supplement, the lab currently has a 3D printer, SmartBoard, and a variety of electronic devices.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Our curriculum follows broad themes including geography, economics, government, and historical analysis skills and applications.



## MUSIC

Our exploratory music program provides a full musical landscape and exposes children to various genres and instruments.



## ART

Our multimedia arts program helps students develop artistic skills by cultivating creative expression and understanding textures, shapes, and colors.



## PE/HEALTH

The health and physical education curriculum follows the American Standards for Health Safety and Physical Education. The curriculum provides the student with the knowledge base and skills that enable them to achieve and maintain a physically active and healthy life.



## LIBRARY

Our Media Specialist manages and sources current books and best practices within this realm. All classes have equal access to both regularly scheduled library time as well as just in time research opportunities.



## TECHNOLOGY

Students use technology as a regular part of daily instruction. Also, we offer technology platforms created to support and extend our students' academic work.

## OUR VISION

All members of the Martin Luther School community:

- Confidently engage in personalized, purposeful learning
- Joyfully celebrate individual and collective success
- Respectfully challenge self and others to grow

## A RESTORATIVE PRACTICE APPROACH

**Martin Luther School** is a Restorative Practices school. This approach to student behavior promotes healthy relationships and positive discipline inside and outside of school. A restorative approach to conflict focuses on solving problems and repairing harm. Our goal is to have our students and staff use this tool throughout their lives, beyond Martin Luther School.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

Our faculty and staff are trained in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), a process in which people understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions. Designed to increase students' self-awareness of their emotions and foster their self-regulation by providing tools to assist them, the Martin Luther School SEL program uses various approaches to help deepen students' ability to self-regulate. Our program also teaches students how to recognize a broader range of emotions, gain perspective into how others see and react to their behavior, increase insight, and determine when and how to use strategies like problem-solving to cultivate a more caring and self-aware learning environment.

## SPECIALIZED SERVICES:

### **Speech-Language therapy**

Our speech pathology program identifies, evaluates, and provides interventions for a wide variety of communication disorders students may experience. Speech-language programs are developed individually to help each student reach their academic and social goals.

### **Occupational therapy**

Children who present with fine motor, coordination, and sensory regulation needs that impede their learning are paired with occupational therapists to evaluate, identify, and support the use of assistive technology to help students engage in their learning.

### **Physical therapy**

Students who present with gross motor and coordination needs are provided with physical therapy with a referral and clearance from the student's physician. Our team of dedicated physical therapists partner with teachers and students to help students progress to independence and successfully participate in their learning.



# About Gemma Services



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## theVillage

**Gemma Services** was formed in 2019 when Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage united to operate as one single organization serving children, families, and communities across the Philadelphia region. Representing a combined 300 years of service to vulnerable and at-risk children and families, Gemma Services is guided by the vision of a world in which children, youth, and families feel valued and have the tools to realize their highest potential.

At Gemma Services, we cherish each individual and ensure every youth and family within our community has the tools they need to thrive. Our research-based, trauma-informed programs are designed to cultivate a culture of learning and healing in a safe and nurturing environment.

We offer education programs, mental health services in residential and community settings, foster care and adoption services, and prevention programs.



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## Our Mission

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth, and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges.

If you believe a child in your care may benefit from joining the Martin Luther School community, please contact Siobhan Canavan, Admissions Coordinator and Supervisor of Clinical Services, at **610-825-4440 x3465** or by sending an email to [scanavan@martinlutherschool.org](mailto:scanavan@martinlutherschool.org).

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