



Martin  
Luther  
School

AT **gemma** SERVICES

# We Teach Hope

We believe in the unlimited potential of every student. At Martin Luther School, an Approved Private School, we provide a comprehensive program for students who need emotional support. Our school is designed to allow 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 kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.



Instruct The Mind

Engage The Heart



Empower The Will

Martin Luther School Mission



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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 draw from their interests and create opportunities to discover new passions and talents. We develop four crucial 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 the science of reading, with a variety of strategies to support emerging readers.

## 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 follow the NextGen standards for scientific inquiry and understanding. We encourage students to think like scientists.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Our curriculum follows broad themes including geography, economics, government, and historical analysis skills with an emphasis on providing multiple perspectives.



## 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 an understanding of 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 research opportunities.



## TECHNOLOGY

Students use technology as a regular part of daily instruction. 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' emotional skills and literacy, and foster self-regulation by providing tools to assist them, the Martin Luther School SEL program uses various approaches. 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**

Students who experience 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

### Our Vision

We envision a world where every person knows they matter.

### Our Mission

Gemma accompanies people of all ages through life's challenges using individualized, data-informed support.

### Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Gemma will courageously build an organization that ensures equity, justice, and inclusion for every member of our community.

### Our Values

Unlimited  
Nimble  
Inspired  
Transparent  
Effective  
Diverse



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Formed in 2019 by the merger of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage, Gemma represents more than 300 years of accompanying people as they face life's challenges so they know they matter. Today, Gemma provides adoption and permanency services, foster family care, mental health programs, a special education school (Martin Luther School), and prevention programs for thousands of individuals each year.

Gemma is always looking for mission-minded individuals to join our team. Gemma is committed to equal employment opportunities. Please visit our website or contact [hr@gemmaservices.org](mailto:hr@gemmaservices.org) to learn more.

If you know a student who may benefit from joining the Martin Luther School community, please contact Siobhan Canavan, Director of Pupil Services, by emailing [scanavan@martinlutherschool.org](mailto:scanavan@martinlutherschool.org) or calling **610-825-4440 x3465**.

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