

## **ABLE PROGRAM**

Program and services for students, ages 6 through 22, with autism spectrum disorder - which has a significant impact on verbal and nonverbal communication and social interactions, thereby adversely affecting educational performance.

The instructional focus of the program provides an adaptive learning environment which facilitates reciprocal communicative and social interactions, thereby enhancing opportunities for more positive and successful educational outcomes. The behavioral aspect of the program focuses on expanding the limited repertoire of activities and interests demonstrated by the students, as well as minimizing the idiosyncratic, stereotypic and non-compliant behaviors. A low student-teacher ratio supports a highly structured, individualized and multisensory classroom environment. Related services including speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and social work are all integral components to the program.