



Our Story

Established in 1980 by three parents and area professionals, The Norman Howard School offers a 35 year tradition of providing students from Rochester and the surrounding area an exceptional alternative to public education. In 1990, NHS was approved as a Special Program by the New York State Education Department. Today, a vibrant and diverse community of 120 students from 8 counties thrive in an atmosphere of support and acceptance. Each individual student's strengths are promoted and strategies for overcoming challenges are developed.

THE
**NORMAN
 HOWARD**
 SCHOOL

Our Students

Each student is unique, bright, resilient, and capable; most struggled with the academic or social aspects of public school. Here, 5th-12th grade students from over 30 school districts learn strategies for managing their special learning needs and graduate alongside their peers.

Why Norman Howard

- 99% Graduation Rate
- Rigorous Academic Offerings
- Expeditionary Learning
- College & Transition Preparation
- Welcoming Community
- Individualized Supports
- Universal Learning Strategies
- Dedicated Faculty
- NYS AIS Accredited, NYS Approved

The Norman Howard School lets me be who I am.

- Student



Conditions for Learning

Students are supported in a small, structured learning environment with full access to the general education curriculum following NYS Common Core learning standards. Students can graduate with a Regents or Local diploma. Reading and Math intervention, and Special Education services for Speech Language and Counseling are onsite.

Homeroom starts at 8:40 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:17 p.m. Students have 45 minute academic classes with two minutes passing time. Each student has Homeroom in the morning and Advisory at the end of the day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
Reading	Reading/Language other than English
Writing	Writing
ELA	ELA
Math	Math
Science	Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, Ecology, Forensics
Social Studies	Global Studies I & II, US History, Participation in Government / Economics
PE / Art Electives	PE / Art Electives

Skills for Life

Classroom teachers collaborate with counseling staff to implement our *Skills for Life* social skills / pragmatic language program. In addition to weekly, explicit instruction in self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, and relationship skill building, students practice applying skills during class time, field trips, and social activities.

Enriching Experiences



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Cultural Cooking Club
- Ski Club
- Drama Club
- Art Clubs
- Photography Club
- Science Club
- Chess Club
- Swim Club
- Yearbook Club

The Norman Howard School has 35 years of expertise in student success. This comes from embracing and supporting each child's individuality, defining students by their strengths, and believing our students deserve a safe setting to explore their abilities and engage effectively. A great deal of learning happens outside the classroom. We offer outdoor education, daily clubs, and service learning. Day trips include the Memorial Art Gallery, Geva Theater, and local museums. Overnight trips may include Boston, New York City, and Florida.