



## There is a school.

There is a place where he can discover, learn from others, and experience success. A place where she can set goals and achieve her dreams. There is a place to interact, understand, and be understood.

A place to find out what it means to challenge yourself and to celebrate strengths and abilities. There is a place that is proud to be the solution when a child's developmental needs call for an alternative. A place called Pathfinder School.



Maybe it's time you visited us to learn more.

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## Ready for a new learning experience? There is a solution.

# PATHFINDER ★ SCHOOL

*A Distinctive Alternative*  
Providing educational opportunities for students with developmental disabilities



## The Pathfinder School Experience

Pathfinder School is a distinctive alternative for students with multiple disabilities, intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, and autism.

As a year-round, private, non-profit residential community, our programs are licensed and certified by the New York State Education Department, the Massachusetts Department of Education, the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, and the New York State Department of Health.

We offer day and residential programs for eligible students between the ages of 5 and 21. Here, students receive the individualized support they require to experience acceptance and success. Our commitment to education also extends beyond the classroom. We are a valuable resource to parents, public school districts, and institutions of higher education.

At Pathfinder School, it is our priority that each student find his or her own pathway in life, that each life has a purpose, "...that each life may find meaning.®"

## Individualized Instruction & Innovative Teaching

With a SMART Board® in every classroom, learning becomes an extraordinarily natural, hands-on experience throughout the school day. Our educators create dynamic lessons and present information via multiple modalities. The result is engaged learners who participate in a variety of ways. Here, students gain confidence and a stronger sense of their individual identity.

Through the annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, our interdisciplinary teams collaborate with parents and the home school district's Committee on Special Education (CSE) to develop and implement educational plans that reflect student strengths, needs, and goals.

## Prevocational Program

Our exceptional employment readiness program includes career exploration, on-campus job training, community-based internships and our Pathfinder Village product line – "Just Roots." Job training opportunities mirror real world work experiences, preparing students for the transition to adulthood.



## Therapeutic & Behavioral Supports

Students' clinical and behavioral support needs are met through on-site and contracted specialty services that include adaptive physical education, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling, and psychology services. On-site nurses support students' healthcare needs. Our behavior specialist designs, monitors, and modifies behavior plans in response to the changing needs of each student. Staff training is ongoing to ensure consistency across environments.

## Residential Homes

When there is a need for more intensive educational services, Pathfinder School can help. In our planned community setting, students receive the attention and behavioral support they need to realize success. Our warm, inviting homes offer a family-like atmosphere where students regularly participate in daily routines. Students refine skills of personal responsibility, organization, self-control and, just as important, form meaningful relationships with peers, staff, and community members. Outside of school hours, students access enrichment activities tailored to health and wellness, art, music, drama, and community participation.