

Specialized Education Services

PAULIE'S STORY:

Paulie was diagnosed with ADHD in preschool and had been attending kindergarten in public school, when his mother, Maggie, removed him, recognizing he needed more specialized education.

"I felt that Paulie's learning was being stifled because he felt like he was always getting into trouble for not sitting still or staying in his seat," says Maggie. "I was worried about his academic progress and self-esteem."

Maggie was relieved when she toured Allendale. "I really liked the campus and that the teachers have smaller class sizes, in addition to Teacher's Assistants in the classroom. I appreciate that Paulie has the freedom to be himself and learn in his own unique way... they empower him to make his own decisions and then help him understand the consequences for his choices. His grades are improving each year!" says Maggie proudly.

Now a fourth grader, Paulie has a love for learning and understanding how and why things work the way they do. Once a very shy student, often times not even wanting to get off the bus to come into school, Paulie has made some friendships that have lasted beyond Allendale.

"I still get to have play dates with my friend Gavin," says Paulie of his former classmate, pictured here, whose families still keep in touch.

"I've learned a lot from Paulie," says family friend, Michael Bosler (pictured, left) "He honestly makes me calmer and helps us all pay attention to the smaller details in life. Sometimes it's nice to slow down and appreciate the simpler things in life."



PAULIE ENJOYS SPECIAL FRIENDSHIPS HE HAS MADE AT ALLENDALE!

Our Educational Services Program:

- Educates nearly 300 students on a year-round basis, including residents & daily commuters from area school districts.
- Facilitates credit recovery & improving graduation outcomes.
- Offers specialized classes & individualized attention via small class sizes & high adult-to-student ratios.
- Provides career & technical training through on-campus groundskeeping crews, laundry, greenhouse, auto/small engines, carpentry, embroidery/sewing & food service programs.
- Facilitates employment & job coaching for students, including training & employment at local businesses.
- Enrolls students in local community colleges and offer grants to disadvantaged kids.

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"IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE THE GROWTH HE HAS SHOWN WITH HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL PROGRAM, THE FRIENDSHIPS HE HAS DEVELOPED, AND THE GREAT ACADEMIC GAINS HE HAS MADE...WE ARE SO PROUD OF HIM!"

— Jennifer Stiemsma, Allendale, VP of Educational Services