

# About

## St. Anthony School Programs



St. Anthony's is an inclusive educational program for students ages 5-21, with Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other special needs. Our unique program thrives within select Catholic schools throughout the Pittsburgh region. Currently, we have four elementary programs, three high school programs, and one post-secondary program at Duquesne University. St. Anthony's operates in a special resource room designed to help our students succeed with their academic curriculum. We also provide services such as speech, occupational, and music therapy, as well as job and mobility skills training. In addition to the special resource rooms, students can attend inclusive classes with their peers.

For 70 years, St. Anthony School Programs has helped students of all faiths live their lives to the fullest academically, socially, vocationally, and spiritually, so they may grow and become active and contributing members of society.

### Partner Schools

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Blessed Trinity Academy, Glenshaw  
Mary of Nazareth, White Oak  
Ave Maria Academy, Bethel Park  
St. Therese, Munhall

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Bishop Canevin High School, Crafton  
Serra Catholic High School, McKeesport  
North Catholic High School, Cranberry

#### POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL

Duquesne University

### Did You Know?

- ✦ We have 11 classrooms located in Catholic schools throughout Pittsburgh
- ✦ The cost to educate a St. Anthony's student is \$18,000; families are responsible for \$6,000
- ✦ 70% of St. Anthony's students receive scholarship support
- ✦ We provide speech, occupational, and music therapy
- ✦ 95% of our students have transportation to our program, provided by their school district
- ✦ Our student retention rate is 92%
- ✦ St. Anthony's has 3,000 alumni and counting!
- ✦ Approximately 290,000 Pennsylvania students are identified with special needs

## History of St. Anthony School Programs

- 1921** St. Anthony Village Orphanage in Oakmont founded
- 1953** Our mission changed from caring for dependent children to educating students with special needs. Name changed to St. Anthony's School for Exceptional Children
- 1986** First inclusive site opened at St. Thomas More School
- 1992** Name changed to St. Anthony School Programs; Oakmont Campus closed, and we opened multiple classrooms at various Catholic school sites
- 1995** Began formally offering an inclusive education program for children with special needs, ages 5-21, including Autism
- 2018** St. Anthony's celebrated 65 years of educating children with Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder and special needs
- 2020** St. Anthony's continues educating students in person, with a virtual learning option through the Covid-19 pandemic
- 2022** St. Anthony Schools Programs expanded our mission by creating the St. Anthony Extension, a grant opportunity to support additional students with learning differences within the Diocese of Pittsburgh



## Mission Statement



St. Anthony School Programs forms an integral part of the educational ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Rooted in the Gospel, St. Anthony School Programs provides moral and spiritual formation, an academic course of studies and vocational training for students ages 5 to 21 with special needs. The program seeks to maximize the individual student's potential for academic learning, to foster self-respect and confidence, and to develop competence in employment and living skills. In pursuit of this mission, St. Anthony School Programs promotes the concept of inclusive education within the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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