



LARAWAY SCHOOL

Laraway School is a licensed special education independent school and a coeducational day treatment center serving students, ages 5-22 in grades K-12.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

Our VT Agency of Education licensure allows us to serve students who experience:

- Emotional Disability
- Specific Learning Disability
- Intellectual Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Speech/Language Impairment
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Multiple Disabilities

HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS?

We support students by providing:

- Highly structured educational and therapeutic environments
- Small group and individual instruction across all subject areas
- Trauma-informed therapeutic elements with a Positive Behavior Management System based on Brendtro's Circle of Courage and Goldstein's Social Skills
- Outdoor Education and Challenge by Choice adventure-based therapeutic experiences from day trips to camping
- Therapeutic art activities
- Service Learning / School to Work
- Farmer-on-Site integrating planting, harvesting and preserving food into our curriculum
- Pathways to Career Exploration
- Summer Session / Year-Round Educational Program
- Family Supports
- Student Recognition and Family Celebrations
- Child Nutrition Program, including local produce and garden-to-table breakfast and lunch for all students
- Project-Based Learning which includes woodshop, maple sugaring, apple cider making, and other seasonal and individualized activities

Students are arranged in small groups with sensitivity to age and educational and therapeutic needs. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or multi-year plans dictate services and accommodations for each student in the group setting.

Classroom assistants are assigned to each class. Some students receive 1:1 support based on needs. Students experiencing severe and multiple challenges may spend much of their day engaged in community-based learning activities.

School staff members are trained in their discipline and cross-trained in mental health and treatment protocols. Students' education, behavior and treatment plans are reviewed by the full staffing team. Positive support is put in place to ensure success. Our school incorporates a model of Universal Design and Differentiated Instruction, providing students the best opportunity for success in core subject areas.

Empowering Youth, Strengthening Families, Building Community