

## **Vision**

Solterra Academy is a safe, consistent, and structured learning environment which provides emotional support and stable routines for students while meeting their individual academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs. We believe that students of all ages can reach their potential given a positive school climate based on respect, responsibility, kindness, and safety. Solterra Academy promotes a culture where:

- Students feel welcome, valued, and supported
- Staff and students respect each other
- Diversity and individuality are celebrated
- Creative and flexible programming are used to both support and challenge students
- The necessary skills are taught to become life-long learners and caring citizens

## **Mission**

The mission of Solterra Academy is to foster students' independence in social, emotional, behavioral, and academic functioning. Our highly trained, compassionate staff create a safe, therapeutic environment in which all students can effectively learn, take responsibility for their behaviors, and become empathic individuals. The use of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and our developmentally appropriate programming through differentiated instruction prepares students to successfully transition back to their home school district, the community, or to the next more appropriate setting.

## **Portrait of a Graduate**

At Solterra Academy, we celebrate every student's unique journey. Our graduates leave with the skills, confidence, and the transitional support they need to lead meaningful and independent lives. Our graduates emerge as:

- 1. Resilient Problem-Solvers:** Graduates demonstrate perseverance in overcoming challenges, trying new tasks, working through challenges with support, using adaptive strategies to navigate academic, social/emotional, and life situations. While we celebrate their success every step of the way.
- 2. Effective Communicators:** Graduates can express themselves clearly and confidently across various settings, using a variety of communication methods (verbal language, gestures, assistive technology, or other personalized strategies) graduates are able to express their needs, choices, feelings, and goals.
- 3. Self-Advocates & Independent Thinkers:** Graduates leave with the ability to understand their strengths and weaknesses, ask for help and support for what they need to be successful, make informed decisions about their future, and share their needs in ways that work for them.

4. **Socially Engaged & Compassionate Citizens:** Graduates foster meaningful relationships, contribute positively to their communities through collaboration, respect, and inclusivity, while practicing empathy and kindness.
5. **Career & Life-Ready Individuals:** Graduates are equipped with practical life skills, vocational training, a growth mindset, and social skills that prepare them for independence to the fullest extent possible. Graduates confidently transition into further education, employment, or independent living, and are prepared to pursue their personal goals.

At Solterra Academy we believe every student is capable of success, and we are committed to fostering their potential in a supportive, individualized learning environment. We are dedicated to helping each one achieve success on their own terms, with dignity, joy, and purpose.