



*Changing Lives.  
Building Futures.*

COVE

When we consider all we have done to support our son over the years, we have always felt that Cove has been the biggest difference-maker in his life. The teachers, clinicians and staff see in him what we do; they work to understand him, teach to his style and help him become a strong student, an active participant in school and a good friend.

**Cove has given him an amazing foundation on which to build the rest of his life.**

*— Cove Parent*



# WELCOME TO *The Cove School*



**Providing Highly Individualized Education for Students with Complex Learning Disabilities**

For over 75 years, Cove's individualized approach, highly specialized faculty, supportive community and comprehensive educational experience have empowered students with learning disabilities to overcome challenges, unlock their potential and achieve success. We foster a nurturing, inclusive and comprehensive learning environment for students in grades K-12 on our main campus. For students ages 18-22, Cove provides a continuum of services at the Cove Career Center.

## LEADER *in the Field*

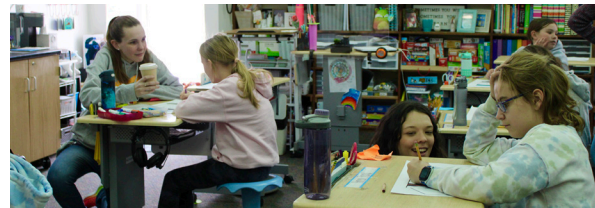
The Cove School stands as a distinguished leader in the field of educating students with complex learning disabilities, pioneering innovative approaches and setting the highest standards of academic excellence and clinical support. In our most recent accreditation, Cove received Cognia's highest honor as a School of Distinction. Considered the Gold standard in academic accreditation, this award recognizes Cove as a "top-flight" educational system. The Cove School came highly recommended by Dr. Sally Shaywitz in her latest edition of *Overcoming Dyslexia*.

## EXPERT *Faculty*

Our dedicated and experienced faculty specialize in working with students with complex learning disabilities. Strongly rooted in research-based strategies and innovative teaching methods, we create a supportive and engaging learning environment where students thrive. The specialized, integrated instruction they provide aligns with the explicit, systematic curricula to provide a highly individualized education.

## SMALL *Class Sizes*

Classes with no more than 10 students help ensure that every student receives the attention and support they deserve. This allows our teachers to tailor their instruction, provide one-on-one assistance and foster meaningful connections with each student. Our schoolwide student to staff ratio is 5:1.



## MULTI-SENSORY *Instruction*

We employ multi-sensory instructional approaches that engage multiple senses simultaneously, helping students process and retain information more effectively. This approach fosters a deeper understanding of concepts and enhances students' overall learning experiences.

## COMPREHENSIVE *Clinical Services*

At Cove, we provide comprehensive and individualized support for each student. Our team of professionals include 7 Speech and Language Pathologists, 7 Social Workers, multiple Wilson and Orton-Gillingham Trained Instructors, 2 Occupational Therapists, an Art Therapist, Math Resource Support, an Assistive Technology Specialist, Instructional Coaches, School Psychologist and Neuropsychologist Consultants. Clinical services are integrated throughout the instructional day and are provided to students at all age levels.

## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL *Development*

We understand that social and emotional learning is critical to the development of the whole child. Cove's integrated approach includes small group social skills practice, individual counseling services and peer support programs which result in a supportive community where students build self-confidence, resilience and meaningful relationships. Regular after-school and evening social events for students enhance the learning from the day and support meaningful friendships.

## LEADERSHIP *Opportunities*

Reaching beyond inclusion, Cove believes authentic leadership opportunities build student strengths while providing appropriate challenges, increasing confidence, enhancing social skills and empowering them to navigate life's challenges. Leadership opportunities at Cove are open to all students and include a robust fine arts program, both inclusive and competitive sports teams, an active student council, after school clubs, community service opportunities and so much more.

**Cove has helped me shine by helping me grow in so many ways.** I never thought I would thrive as much as I have here at Cove. I have been in the student council, been in two amazing productions and have made the most amazing friends.

— Cove Graduate





Our students know first hand that belonging is far more than just being included – it's about knowing you matter and that

*you are truly valued*  
for who you are.

Our students know that belonging is more than having access – it's about embracing real experiences that

*allow you the freedom*  
to be who you really are.



Our students know that belonging is more than having a peer – it's about

*connecting with people*  
and building relationships that have genuine meaning and purpose.

– Dr. Sally L. Sover

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COVE SCHOOL

## TRANSITION

Transition planning and programming begins at the age of 14 and continues to support students beyond high school graduation. Transition at Cove is a highly individualized, collaborative, student-centered process between our staff, students and their families focused on setting and attaining post-secondary outcomes for education, employment and independent living. To achieve these outcomes for each of our students, we utilize rigorous curriculum and strong student support services tailored to the needs of each student, which include academic planning, unique internship opportunities and social activities.



## PARENT Partnership

We believe in the power of collaboration between parents and the school. At Cove, we foster open communication, involve parents in the educational process and provide resources and workshops to support families in understanding and meeting the unique needs of their children.

## COMMUNITY

We recognize that the disability journey can feel isolating and a sense of connectedness is important for our families as well for our students. Opportunities such as our annual Cove Potluck, Family Bowling, Mom's Night Out, the Cove Community 5K Walk/Run, Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day and more offer families a chance to connect, have fun, network with one another and foster lasting connections.

Once our child was learning from the right curriculum with the proper support, he quickly began to make up for lost time. Within the first year of starting at Cove, he was at grade level in math in the adapted curriculum, gaining confidence and **feeling success for the first time at school.**

— Cove Parent

Cove is a place where our child can **experience real belonging both inside and outside the classroom.** We love Cove because every kid and every family deserves a chance at real community!

— Cove Parents

# COVE CAREER Center

**Students with disabilities need more time to reach their academic potential, they need more customized employment opportunities that will lead to even greater retention rates, and they need access to a community who has demonstrated time and time again that they can beat the odds and make pathways happen that others just aren't able to do.**

Cove's Post High School Transition Program for young adults ages 18-22 is located on our second campus in Downtown Northbrook at the Cove Career Center (CCC).

The CCC fills a critical community need in the Chicagoland area - providing a continuum of academic support, customized vocational training & employment opportunities, independent living skills and authentic social skills & connections for young adults.

The CCC matches students with employment opportunities based on their career goals. Fierce advocates for our students in the community, job coaches and specialists build civic partnerships to create positions that best align with students' interests and development.



Learn more about our warm and supportive community at The Cove School, where students with complex learning disabilities thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Together, we celebrate each student's achievements and create a foundation for lifelong success.

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**Discover Cove Today!**

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