JUNIPER

Age Level	Middle School
Academic Learning Profile	A Juniper student learns successfully in both whole and small group instruction. Juniper students are developing their ability to learn from peers, infer from their environment, and are working toward self-monitoring and managing their behavior in order to work independently for increasingly longer periods of time.
Regulation Skills	A Juniper student can accurately identify her/his own basic emotions and practice foundational perspective-taking skills in order to problem-solve and empathize with others. Students demonstrate executive functioning strengths but might need support to increase their independence across each of those domains.
Communication Method	Juniper students use expressive (vocal) speech.
Academics + Specialist Programs	● Individualized applied academics mindful of Oregon State Standards (literacy, math, social studies and science). ● Specialist programs include Adaptive Physical Education, Art, Music/Music Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social-Emotional Learning, Speech Therapy, and Health + Wellness. ● Transition and Work Experience Programs (age 13 and older).
More Classroom Details	● Community Based Instruction (CBI) - Weekly outings designed to learn safety and essential skills in context, engage in daily life routines, access community and community spaces, and apply academic skills (engaging with customer service personnel, identifying brands of products, pedestrian safety, reading/comparing prices, waiting patiently in lines). ● Elective subjects include Civics/Government, Coding, Crafting, Gardening, LARPing, Social Thinking, Tabletop Role-Playing games (TTRPGs), Videography, and more. ● Executive Functioning Instruction, including Theory of Mind (Perspective Taking), Observational Learning, and Critical Thinking. ● Project and Event-Based Learning with Collaborative Problem-Solving. ● Daily living skills practice includes cooking, hygiene, budgeting, wellness, and more. ● Field Trips.