

Unique Services & Programs

- Full Day Pre School Program
- Functionally Deaf/Cochlear Implants
- Residential program
- Sign language instruction for families
- Tutorial services
- Comprehensive, in-depth summer school program available for all students
- Technology usage throughout the school
- Professional Culinary Academy (Adults)



A look to the future...

After years of success in meeting the educational needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children, we are not about to stop. St. Mary's has aggressive plans for new programs including adult services, creating a new master plan of new facilities to continue to enhance our students learning and provide more on the job training. As we progress in our efforts, we will continue to provide the kind of support and resources that meet the lifelong needs of the deaf, hard-of-hearing and functionally deaf. as they relate to the world at large. We look forward to taking these new steps through the Council of Educational Administrations of Schools for the Deaf, to create new and improved programs for our students.

Mission Statement

St. Mary's School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

To Accomplish This Mission:

We *inspire* ALL to achieve personal goals and strive for excellence.

We *offer* a rigorous and relevant curriculum that addresses the diverse learning styles of all our students.

We *instruct* our students in basic and critical thinking skills.

We *promise* to collaborate as a community and with the community at large.

We *expect* all members of the SMSD community to act with integrity.

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What do we do?

St. Mary's School for the Deaf (SMSD) is a private, state-supported 4201 school that serves deaf and hard of hearing children from infancy through age 21. There is no tuition charge for New York State residents. SMSD has been the primary source of quality education utilizing the full spectrum of communication modes since 1853.

A few of our proudest achievements include starting one of the nation's first preschools for the deaf, our unique Teacher Preparation Program where students can be qualified to work in any school for the deaf in the country, our continuous improved technology to enhance student's learning and our hands on experience to get our students ready for jobs.



Elementary School

Deaf Infant Program through fifth grade

- Alternative and Special Needs Achievement Program (SNAP) for students with multiple disabilities.
- Comprehensive curriculum – academic, speech, pre-vocational education, vocational education, multi-cultural resource center



Secondary School

- Regents, college preparatory classes
- Middle & High School Programs
- Alternative and SNAP programs
- Keystone Academy – life skills, career placement, career counseling and transitional services
- Transition Team – plans for post graduation

Pupil Personnel Services

- Full audiological services
- In-house Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling, Vocational Evaluation, Behavior Management, Social Worker & Psychologist Services
- Evaluation, intake and admission services for placement

After School Program

- Transportation Services
- Residential Services
- Recreation program for children ages 6 – 21
- 24 hour health center services
- Student/parent social activities
- Tutorial services
- Resources to meet individual needs

Parent Education

- Family sign language
- Parent education services and support groups



Athletics

- Interscholastic and intramural sports for elementary and secondary
- Soccer, basketball, volleyball, track and field, cheerleading
- Participation in Independent Athletic Conference (IAC)
- Participation in both games and tournaments with other schools for the deaf as well as public and private schools