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"Henry Viscardi School allows us to reach our highest potential and it is definitely a one-of-a-kind school."

TYRESE

"My favorite teacher... taught me to be more confident and truly believe in myself."

- LILLY

"My favorite activity is art because it makes me feel special inside."

- CHANIRA

"Henry Viscardi School... an environment where there is no discrimination."

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At Henry Viscardi School at The Viscardi Center, there are no challenges... only boundaries to overcome.





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# About the Henry Viscardi School at The Viscardi Center

Located in Albertson, NY, the Henry Viscardi School at The Viscardi Center was founded in 1962, by a well-known man named Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. This particular, specialized school has a fully accessible educational setting that provides an enriched academic program for kids, ranging from Kindergarten to 21 years old. The Henry Viscardi School provides a variety of therapies, assistive technology, and intensive medical care to the children who would otherwise get home or hospital instruction. At the Henry Viscardi School, the children grow into young adults and develop many life skills, as they follow a regular, mainstream curriculum. This curriculum includes academics, vocational training, transition planning and extracurricular activities that enables students to be active, independent, selfsufficient participants in society.

The Henry Viscardi School is offered to parents with children who have severe physical disabilities. and require life-sustaining medical treatments throughout the day. The Henry Viscardi School has a traditional educational setting that provides rigorous academics and opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.

# Activities at Henry Viscardi School

The School's activities enable us to be active, independent, and self-sufficient by encouraging us to take chances, be bold, act like leaders and give back to our communities.

- \* Viscardi Cougars: Wheelchair Basketball Team
- ★ Cougar Chronicle: School Newspaper
- ★ Viscardi Ambassadors: Disability Awareness Team
- \* Student Council
- ★ National Honor Society
- ★ Natural Helpers: Student role-models and advisors for other Viscardi students
- ★ Viscardi Chorus
- ★ Friday Night Recreation: After-school extracurricular
- ★ Independent Living House: A place where juniors and seniors learn self-sufficiency skills

# Support Services at the Henry Viscardi School

### **Hearing Services**

Hearing Services provides weekly support to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. This support includes academic and specialized instruction using auditory, verbal, sign language and visual supports to get information to students.

#### **Dance Movement Therapy**

Dance Movement Therapy is the psychotherapeutic use of movement to explore emotions, relationships, communication, self-awareness and many other areas. It uses movement, talking, dancing, creative play, music and imagery, depending on the participant.

#### **Aquatic Physical Education**

A swim class is provided once a week for students grades K-6 as part of their physical education program. Students get to move around in the 90 degree pool and get to play and socialize with their classmates.

#### Speech Therapy

The goal of speech therapy is to improve all forms of communication; understanding and using verbal language. written language and social communication, as well as improving speech skills for optimizing intelligibility. Speech therapists also provide evaluation and training on the use of assistive technology to non-verbal students.

#### **Occupational Therapy**

Occupational Therapy helps students be as independent as they can, in the classroom and at home. Therapy can help to improve range of motion, strength, and endurance. It also focuses on strengthening and maintaining the upper extremities of the body; this includes fine motor skills, self-feeding, dressing, transferring, techniques for compensating for visual perceptual deficits and energy conservation techniques.

### Physical Therapy

Physical therapy helps students physically access the learning environment. Therapists tailor routines unique to each student that will strengthen their independence and academic success.

### Psychology, Guidance and Social Work

Each of these services assist students in their social and emotional learning. Professionals work with students individually, in groups, and throughout the school community to facilitate their social and emotional growth.