

BROOK ROAD ACADEMY

at St. Joseph's Villa

OUR HISTORY OF BELIEVING

St. Joseph's Villa was founded as a school in 1834, and was built on the fundamental belief in the value of every child. Over the years, the Villa has evolved with the changing needs of our community and has grown to be one of Richmond's most respected nonprofit organizations for children and families. The Villa continues its tradition of nearly two centuries of caring and education by embracing children facing the most difficult and challenging needs and at the highest risk of failure. By providing a safe nurturing place to learn, heal and grow – we believe our children will learn to believe in themselves and gain the tools they need for long-term success in life.

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- Mission** To provide a college-prep curriculum within a nurturing, non-traditional learning environment that values each student as an individual, helping each to realize his/her fullest potential.
- Vision** To provide a stimulating, nurturing haven for students whose physical, emotional and academic needs are better met within a non-traditional learning environment. We recognize that each student has a unique learning style, therefore we provide a curriculum program that allows each student to approach diverse learning tasks and classes with individual learning strategies. Brook Road Academy offers a small student/teacher ratio with a curriculum designed to meet the individual needs of each student. The focus of the Academy is to identify what learning strategies work successfully for each individual and to build on those strengths.
- Academy Council** A Governing body that mentors the Brook Road Academy community. Members of the council must exemplify the *5 Expectations for Success*, be a model student and be selected by the faculty and graduating Academy Council members. Academy Council holds weekly or biweekly meetings to discuss activities and events, address conflicts, and recognize exemplary student performance in the community. The *5 Expectations for Success* were developed by the Academy Council; the list of the following standards can be found throughout the school:
1. Be on time for class and productive during class
 2. Only take part in activities that contribute to the well-being of yourself and others in the community
 3. Respect every member of the community
 4. Settle disagreements verbally and respectfully
 5. Be open to new ideas and accountable for your actions



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