

Elam Alexander Academy

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Elam Alexander Academy is a part of the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) serving Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach and Twiggs counties. We support local school systems by providing comprehensive special education and therapeutic support for students whose behavior severely impedes their learning.

Students are typically referred by their home school when school based special education approaches have not been successful. Placement in our program is consistent with the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process and includes the participation and consent of the parent/guardian in the IEP placement meeting.

Placement options for our program include separate school facilities at Elam Alexander School on Ridge Avenue, Northeast High School in Bibb County, and the Elberta Program in Houston County. In addition, GNETS classrooms in local schools are provided in Bibb, Houston, Peach, Jones, and Crawford counties. Placement location is determined by the students' needs and available options by grade in each county. The Ridge Avenue and Northeast campuses serve students from all counties in our area.

Our goal is to provide special education consistent with each student's IEP within our therapeutic setting with additional supports and resources. Teachers and support staff receive specialized training in the Student Achievement Model (a social skills curriculum and classroom management model), Mindset, Life Space Crisis Intervention, Response Ability Pathways, Developmental Therapy and Positive Behavior Supports. This promotes development of appropriate social skills and enhances the safety and success of our students. Placement is viewed as temporary until students have learned more appropriate behaviors and then they are considered for return to services in their home school or a less restrictive setting. In addition, clinical support staff are available (Social Workers, Psychologists, consulting Psychiatrists, Behavior Support Specialist) to provide additional support to students and families for a range of issues. Students receive instruction consistent with the Georgia Performance Standards.

If you have any questions or needs please contact one of the following Program Coordinators:

Elam Alexander/Ridge Avenue: Janette Griffin-Anderson, 779-3935
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