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## Admission Process

The Admission Process will determine the applicant's appropriateness for placement at the Banyan Upper School. We strive to provide the best education possible for our students and are selective in order to ensure success. Banyan Upper School does not offer admission to those students with primary emotional and/or behavioral issues.

- Parents or school district child study team members who contact Banyan Upper School will speak with a member of the administrative team to discuss a student's possible eligibility. Upon request, an information packet will be sent to parents and school districts.
- Applicants must submit records to Banyan Upper School for review by the Admissions Committee. Records must include a current IEP, educational and psychological testing, and achievement battery. The Admissions Committee consists of an LDTC, psychologist, and administrator.
- If the review of records is positive, the parent, student, and/or child study team member will be invited to an intake appointment. This appointment will include a tour of the school, an interview, and a question and answer session.
- If the Admission Committee feels that the Banyan Upper School is an appropriate placement for the student, the student will be invited to visit the school for a practical experience.
- Classroom teachers and other staff members evaluate the student's visit based on classroom participation and behavior. A successful visit will result in admission into the program. An acceptance letter will be issued to all successful candidates.
- Banyan Upper School does offer rolling admission throughout the year based on availability.



Banyan Upper School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally afforded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



## Banyan Upper School

Banyan Upper School is a private, non-profit, state approved upper school for students with average or above average intelligence whose academic success has been compromised by a primary learning disability. Banyan Upper School specializes in working with students who have reading difficulties. Banyan's reading specialists are trained in the Wilson, Orton-Gillingham, and Edmark Reading Programs.

Banyan Upper School offers a departmental academic program with a strong guidance and social skills component for those students whose needs cannot be met within the public school. The school's unique educational tracks prepare students for full-time employment, as well as admission into four-year colleges, community colleges, and technical/vocational schools. Individual as well as group counseling encourages and supports social and emotional growth for all students. Clubs, sport teams, and activities round out the educational program, giving students extracurricular opportunities similar to those offered in public schools.



## Our Core Value

*“Empowering students to believe in themselves and to develop the skills necessary to achieve success.”*

Parents place a special trust in the Banyan Upper School team to guide students on a path to success. The desire to uphold that trust and empower our students is what drives the Banyan staff each and every day.

## Banyan Highlights

### Rounded Educational Programs

The Banyan Upper School educational programs afford the opportunity to learn and grow well beyond the typical school day. The programs include the Core Academic Program, the Extended Year Program, the Saturday Enrichment Program, and the 18-21 Years Old Program.

#### *Core Academic Program*

The Banyan Core Academic Program is rounded and multi-faceted. Our new multi-track options ensures a fit with each child's educational requirements. Students are provided access to a full range of academic and non-academic courses and programs of study. Tracks include Academic College Awareness for the college bound, Career Work Direction for the work directed, and Life Skills for those 18-21 years old.

#### *Extended Year Program*

The Banyan Extended Year Program continues learning into the summer. The program focuses on the retention and strengthening of skills learned during the school year. Classes are small in order to ensure individualized attention for all students.

#### *Saturday Enrichment Program*

The Saturday Enrichment Program is designed to further enhance students' intellectual and creative abilities via a series of supervised excursions and activities blending academic and social experiences.

#### *18-21 Years Old Program*

The 18-21 Years Old Program is a unique offering to those students needing additional support to gain independence and grow as a person. The program brings academic, vocational, social, and independent living skills out of the school and into the community and beyond.

### Pro-Active Staff

The child's success is dependent on the teaching staff and school administration. The Banyan highly credentialed and experienced staff demonstrates a commitment to excellence in education.

### Latest Technology

Our ongoing focus is to be on the technological cutting edge via a state-of-the-art multimedia computer center as well as the use of assistive and learning technology in each class.

### Social Skills Training

The Social Skills program recognizes the need to educate the “whole” child. Children's social and emotional development is as important as academic skills. Our program provides instruction, practice, and the reinforcement of social skills for all students.

### Transitional Services

Our experienced, supervised transition services are all inclusive and designed for all future paths. The Transition program is divided into these major components: Classroom Instruction, Structured Learning Work Study Experiences, Career Testing, Counseling, and Exploration.

### Student Support Services

Social knowledge, social interaction, physical health, and emotional health for our students are all high priority directed efforts. Support services are infused throughout the curriculum and are available on an individual basis.

### School Activities

Being rounded is more than academics. Banyan's activities run the range from sports to clubs and from student government to after-school social activities and more. Each activity has a focus on youth development and leadership.