

853 Schools

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What are 853 Schools?

853 schools are private, not-for-profit, state approved schools, serving students who are unable to benefit from the public school system. They are dedicated to providing opportunities for school aged children involved in the foster care, juvenile justice and special education systems. Many students are provided with an individual education plan.



What type of education do students receive?

Students enrolled in 853 schools receive education aligned with their individual plan. 853 schools are required to meet the same NYS educational standards as public school districts. All schools are required to have NYS Certified Teachers in their appropriate area.



Related Services

Many students enrolled in 853 schools need related services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and mental health services in order to access education. 853 schools employ licensed professionals to work with students so they have the opportunity for educational achievement.



How are they funded?

853 schools are funded through a tuition rate that school districts pay when they refer a student. This tuition rate is calculated by a methodology which is approved annually by the Division of the Budget. 853 schools do not receive any state-aid. In addition, these school have no local taxing authority.



Proud Partners

853 schools are part of the educational continuum supporting students with disabilities or other needs best met in therapeutic milieu or other needs. Many 853 schools serve students placed in residential facilities.

To learn more about 853 schools, visit their [website](#).



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