

## Cooperative Learning Academy ©

Where can high school children experience an emotionally supportive learning environment, a 156 acre outdoor physical and environmental education space, and the highest quality staff? The answer is Camp Herrlich. This non-traditional learning center is the perfect place for high school students to get on track and learn the skills needed to maintain a positive educational and social outcome in the future.



Children can experience the beauty of nature while learning about their environment.

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*For high school students struggling in the traditional classroom setting.*

## ***What is Camp Herrlich and the CLA program?***

In 1922, Camp Herrlich was founded with one goal in mind, helping children and adults experience enjoyable, safe, educational, high quality, recreational, retreat and environmental educational programs.

Today, we are as committed to that goal as we were in the beginning. At Camp Herrlich we believe that what one does in life must be carried out in a manner consistent with respect for the individual and concern for the Earth. We emphasize this philosophy in everything we do.

The Cooperative Learning Academy, (CLA), was created to satisfy a need in the local high school for a safe, healthy, and supportive setting for a group of students who were struggling in the school environment.



## ***What does this program offer to students?***

CLA is an alternative program providing students educational and therapeutic experiences in a non-traditional setting. Our goals are to improve student attendance and performance during their morning classes at the high school or BOCES program. We are also providing a venue where students will hopefully develop positive ways to express themselves and apply newly acquired skills when interacting with peer groups and outside pressures.

While attending CLA students have the potential to earn high school credit in the following areas:

### Full Year Attendance

Environmental Science	1.0
Introduction to Occupations	1.0
Physical Education	0.5
Art	1.0
Health	1.0

CLA Staff are committed to meeting each students' individual needs while working with their families and the school district to help make their goals become realities.

## ***What do we do for and offer to your students?***

- Alternative environment to re-engage students
- Extremely small staff to student ratios resulting in strong relationships between staff and students
- Relevant and engaging academic classes
- Individualized academic support
- Remediation and preparation for TABE and GED exams
- Increase student accountability
- Assist students in seeing the connection between school and work
- Engage students to examine their internal processes
- Improve communications between parents and school.

