

## MISSION

Independence Academy will provide an individualized, safe, supportive learning environment for youth with challenging behaviors. Our goal is to teach students the behavioral and academic skills necessary to be successful in their education and lifelong goals.

## VISION

We are committed to teaching academic and behavioral skills in order to develop accountable, safe, respectful and positive individuals who are ready to transition to a traditional school setting.

## VALUES – We believe...

### AccountaBility

- Teachers and students show up everyday ready to teach and learn
- We believe in taking responsibility for our actions

### SafEty

- Teachers and students will create an environment where all individuals feel safe
- We believe in respecting personal boundaries

### ReSpEct

- Teachers and students will support and celebrate individual differences
- We believe in supporting positive choices with Positive Behavior Intervention Support

### PosiTive Attitude

- We believe that all students can learn and progress

# Be Your **BEST!**

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**INDEPENDENCE  
ACADEMY**

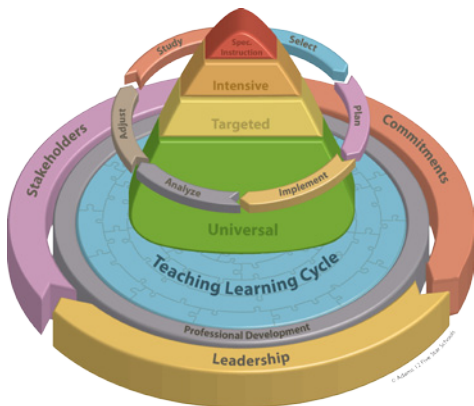




# INDEPENDENCE ACADEMY

## What is Independence Academy?

We are an intensive behavior program that provides rigorous behavioral and academic instruction to students, grades 6-12 who have an Individualized Education Plan and who have challenging behaviors. We believe that these students deserve high quality, standards-based instruction in every classroom, every day. As part of the Adams 12 Five Star School District, we are committed to implementing instruction through the lens of the Teaching and Learning Cycle and utilizing data to drive all of our behavioral and academic instruction.



## Independence Academy's Academic Program consists of:

- Utilization of the Colorado Model Content Standards
- Instruction and credits earned in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
- Utilization of a blended learning environment
- Ability for students to recover lost credit
- Highly qualified instructors for content areas



## Independence Academy's Behavioral Program consists of:

- A minimum of 120 minutes of daily behavioral skills training provided by highly qualified Affective Needs Staff
- Wraparound services provided by highly qualified mental health staff
- A comprehensive affective environment
- Low staff to student ratio
- Thorough Functional Behavioral Assessments for each student
- Individualized, comprehensive and instructionally-based Behavior Intervention Plans
- A variety of research-based instructional materials and approaches including Collaborative Problem Solving, Aggression Replacement Training and Why Try