

## **Alternative Academic Achievement Academy**

### **Unique Instructional Approaches for DD, SLD, and OHI**

At AAA Academy, our instructional approach varies for developmentally disabled, have specific disabilities, or other health impairments varies depending on the individual student. Of course, we use the student's IEP as our guide as we develop our special programs for these students.

They may include:

- AAA Academy is a fully accessible facility
- Additional instructional cues in the classroom
- Access to technology that includes additional supports such as text to speech, speech to text, and other instructional aides
- Computer aided instructional programs that allow students to progress at their own pace and include additional visual enhancements
- Classrooms have posted clear daily schedules, behavioral expectations/feedback, and visual anchor charts
- Countdown timers that include visual cues for remaining time
- Modified movement expectations for physical education
- Classroom jobs for students that rotate weekly
- Increased speaking and listening opportunities both in the classroom and school-wide
- Reduced student/teacher ratio
- Regular fluency testing and progress monitoring to ensure appropriate interventions
- Reading programs that include extensions into functional activities
- Increased read aloud opportunities where students are read to by adults
- Physical, cognitive, and social therapies coordinated with student's home districts
- Co-Teaching training for all staff to ensure that each student's needs are being addressed appropriately
- More frequent learning breaks to help students stay focused during instructional time
- Differentiated instructional tools so students can receive instructional tasks that ensure alignment between instructional intensity and ability
- Scaffolded instruction that includes images, objects, letters, and words
- Additional data collection points to better assess progress toward set goals
- Increased opportunities for guided review of topics
- Intensive instructional program that includes 1-on-1 student/teacher ratio