

# Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement (WISCA)

WISCA is a special education school designed to meet the needs of autistic students who are able to benefit from therapeutic interventions and supports that are not typically delivered in a traditional educational setting. Student class composition is based upon grade level, cognitive level, and graduation requirements.

## Key Program Benefits:

### Therapeutic Intervention Expertise

- Cognitive behavioral methods focusing on creative problem-solving, self-regulation, perspective taking, and developing relationships with others
- Curriculum and evidence-based practices for group therapy programming

### Transition Services and Vocational Skill Development

- Opportunities to practice social and functional skills as students gain real world experience
- Students aged 14 through 21 engage in transition activities to learn vocational skills

### Individualized Academic Planning

- Outcome-driven online curriculum supported by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Individualized electives available based on student interests
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Curriculum for K-6th Grade
- Online curriculum for 7-12th Grade

### Convenient Locations:

- Bridgeville
- Sewickley
- Sharpsburg

*"The WISCA staff can see through and past behaviors to the real person. They love and care about each child. In this caring and compassionate environment, my child can reach his true potential, and more importantly, he realized that he is a valuable member of society instead of being the one that doesn't fit." - Parent of a WISCA Student*

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of parents felt that the behavioral support their child received in the program was individualized, consistent, and respectful.

