

Parent Testimonials:

"We've been looking for the best placement for our child and we have finally found it."

"Kids First made all of this happen and we don't know where we would be without your knowledge and help. Thank you for loving our child as much as we do!"

"Our son started at Kids First with significant behavioral issues, disliking school and showing little advancement in his academics. He is now flourishing at Kids First with decreased behavior issues, improved language skills and academics. Everyone is very open to new ideas and techniques to assist him."



Kids First

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What is Kids First?

Mission:

The mission of Kids First is to provide children with Autism and behavior challenges an individualized learning environment, which will promote each child's success through academic instruction, behavior intervention and enhancement of social and life skills.

Vision:

Our vision is to help students with Autism in the greater Summit County region develop the essential skills that are required for successful participation in their home districts.

Specialized & Integrated Services:

- Speech language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Adapted physical education
- Music therapy

K-8 Classrooms:

A blended methodology approach that includes:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) driven
- Highly trained staff
- Individual positive behavior support
- Integrated therapy services
- Adapted art and cooking classes
- Social skills curriculum
- Low teacher to student ratio

Curriculum:

Our curriculum consists of:

- Modified and individualized district directed curriculum
- Tuned into Learning: A social skills pragmatic curriculum for students with Autism
- Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research (STARS) program (addresses many of the critical learning needs identified for young children with Autism)
- Touch Math
- Edmark Reading Program

Methodologies:

- Structured environment
- Daily schedules
- Applied behavior analysis
- Individual Service Plans
- Functional behavior treatment
- Communication and speech therapy
- Social skills training
- Sensory skills training and integration techniques
- Developmentally appropriate daily living activities

BCBA:

The Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Family Liaison assists in bringing families together to create a working partnership between home and school.

Our Family Liaison consults with and offers community resources, information and support for each of our families. The liaison also enhances the quality of parent-child interactions by working with each family to create a home support system that reinforces classroom learning and assists with the creation and implementation of positive behavior plans.

