

A Special Place for Unique Learners to Thrive

- Eye-to-Eye or Hand-to-Hand Transfer from bus
- Environment Designed and Maintained as Calmly Therapeutic and Socially, Emotionally, and Behaviorally Supportive
- Daily Written Feedback
- Due Process Procedures and Paperwork
- Interactive SMART Board and iPad Technology
- Individualized Extended School Year (ESY) Programming
- **Individual Personalized Work Space**
- School District Calendar Observance

WMLC is not specifically a school or specifically a day treatment facility, but a hybrid. WMLC is a private, contracted, alternative, therapeutic setting IV placement option. WMLC employs highly trained, experienced, specialists and provides therapeutic education in a specially designed facility for students with special education needs.



Potential Student Characteristics

- ASD-Related Perspective Distortions
- Significant Anxiety that Interferes with Ability to Attend School
- Social, Emotional, and/or Behavioral Excesses or Deficits that Prevent the learner from Profiting or Being Able to Learn in Traditional Learning Environments



Exceptional People to Teach, Guide, and Support Exceptional Students

- **Minimum of 1:1 Instruction and Support**
- Direct Academic Instruction by Licensed Special Education Teachers
- Teachers and Staff Skilled at Relationship and Trust Development
- Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Development, Instruction, and Support
- Speech and Occupational Therapy Providers Available for Contracting
- Proactive Environments and Programming
- Collaborative Communication Among WMLC, District Administration, School Staff, and Parents
- Compliance with Special Education Due Process Procedures

*Referrals are made through the special education director of the student's home district.

Lotus Specialized Learning Center



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Moderate to Severe Handicap



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What Professionals and Parents are saying about LSLC...

"Our district's students, staff, and families have benefited from the knowledge and expertise provided by staff from West Metro Learning connections. Their collegial approach makes working with them a rewarding professional experience."

-Director of Special Ed., Public School District

"My son has attended the Lotus program for over a year and has never missed a day. This is the first school/educational setting where he is successful and is learning. The one-to-one instruction is tailored to his learning style and interests. Staff go above and beyond any expectations I had. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity for my son."

- Father of a Lotus Student



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Lotus: Special Education Professionals

For Individuals with
Autism Spectrum Disorders
and Related Conditions

