

# Elementary and Middle School Students Learn and Thrive



## UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School Lower Grade Center

Your student's success is our top priority at the UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School Lower Grade Center. This unique program serves students in third through eighth grades who have been diagnosed with emotional disorders, autism spectrum disorders and other health impairments or learning disabilities.

### Academic Study

Our Illinois State Board-approved and Cognia-accredited school blends academic education and extracurricular activities with therapies that nurture students' emotional growth and independence. Each self-contained classroom of no more than 10 students is led by a certified special education teacher and a behavioral health associate. This team approach includes regular communication with parents.

### Our curriculum offers:

- Special assessments, allowing teachers to measure growth throughout the year
- Daily instruction in Common Core curriculum standards including:
  - Language arts
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Social studies
  - Science
  - Physical education
  - Explore courses on topics such as health and safety, nutrition, civics and technology
- Hands-on experience using the latest technology

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## Specialty Programming

### STEAM Curriculum

We offer a broad array of choices for our students in the area of STEAM:

**Science** — Our hands-on science curriculum allows experiential learning inside and outside the school building.

**Technology** — A technology rich environment includes use of laptops, computer applications skills, keyboarding and graphic design software.

**Engineering** — Our engineering coursework includes coding, robotics, 3D printing and other leading-edge engineering curricular opportunities.

**Arts** — Experience in fine arts and expressive arts, including musical instruments, a variety of art mediums and exploration of opportunities within our local community.

**Mathematics** — A math curriculum that focuses on standards-based requirements, as well as hands-on, everyday practical math skills.

Coursework is provided in civics, life skills, community and online safety, home care responsibilities and personal self-care.

### STEP Classroom

Our Social Therapeutic Education Program (STEP) classrooms are designed to help students with autism spectrum disorders. Students are understood and supported where they are in their treatment and are presented with the materials suited to their unique learning styles. They learn to work around their individual challenges.

### Emotional Support

A variety of therapies are routinely offered to our students by licensed clinicians, including:

- **Individual Therapy** — Sessions are conducted weekly by a licensed social worker or clinical psychologist, offered to students with individual education plans (IEPs).
- **Group Therapy** — Groups are led daily with a variety of specialties to assist with individual treatment. Topics include social skill development, dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) skills and self management.
- **Expressive Therapies** — Sessions are conducted weekly by certified specialists in their respective fields. The therapies include art, music, recreation, movement and animal-assisted activity.

### Extracurricular Activities

Students may practice and participate in structured social activities through clubs and athletic programs. The Chicago Area Alternative Education League (CAAEL) allows students the opportunity to play flag football, soccer, basketball and softball, emphasizing and rewarding sportsmanship. Additional clubs may include art, music and movies.



### Student Referral

The UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School opened in 1995 and has expanded over the years. We blend academic and therapeutic activities for students from third grade through high school. We welcome the opportunity to provide a unique educational experience for your student.

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### Locations and Leadership

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The school consists of two campuses:

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