

## PEACCE Classroom – Red Hook High School

The PEACCE Classroom at Red Hook High School utilizes a structured classroom environment to instruct students in academics, life and social skills. The classroom staff incorporates daily activities and situations to teach students accepted social and societal expectations. Each student's program is uniquely tailored to meet his individual learning needs and style with a goal to reach their maximum potential and to provide them with the necessary tools as they transition to adult life.

Students participate in academic classes within the PEACCE Classroom as well as General Education Classes at Red Hook High School. The specific academic program of a student is dependent on their specific abilities and needs. There have been some students that have earned a local high school diploma, others that have worked toward the Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential and some may follow an academic path that includes an alternate assessment. Again, the academic program is specifically designed and created with the individual student in mind, their goals and needs as they transition to adult life.

The PEACCE Classroom involves many professionals that provide services for students at Red Hook High School. Students receive the services that are designated in their educational plan as part of their personalized weekly schedule. Some examples of more common services include group and individual counseling as well as speech. The provider meets students at Red Hook High School and either provides services in the PEACCE Classroom or in another designated location within the high school for individual services.

Students also have the opportunity for vocational development with the work based learning program and job sites at community businesses such as Funshine Nursery School, Rusty's Farm Fresh Eatery, Enchanted Cafe, Williams Lumber and Carol's Cutting Edge to name a few examples. Students are provided a job coach to ensure that they are learning the skills they need to know to be a successful employee in the workforce. The PEACCE Teacher communicates with the job coach regarding a student's progress in an effort to provide students with the instruction necessary to become an independent employee. Students also have the opportunity to study at the Career Technical Institute with programs ranging from small engine repairs, culinary skills, health care and computer programming in addition to others.

The Red Hook PEACCE Classroom maintains daily contact with parents to provide students with a consistent program between school and the home. Parent communication and support is of vital importance as we work together to achieve the personal goals of each student. There have been many students that have made positive changes as a result of a clear, consistent program that extends into the home.

The PEACCE Classroom at Red Hook High School infuses fun and celebration throughout the school year. We take trips into town to local diners to practice life skills in restaurants, attend plays such as *The Nutcracker*, have special classroom celebrations such as tea with desserts and also create activities such as a classroom talent show to expand each students' learning/