



# Where High School Students Learn and Thrive

## UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School High School

The High School Program offered at UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School mirrors the curriculum of the local high school, with courses in math, social studies, science and English. In addition, students can access a variety of electives and receive a diverse assortment of therapies and treatments. We monitor and gauge each student's progress with regular assessment.

### Academic Study

Our Illinois State Board-approved and Cognia-accredited High School Program blends academic education and extracurricular activities with therapies to nurture students' emotional growth and independence. Our instructors

#### Our curriculum offers:

- A highly structured setting for daily instruction in Common Core standards, including a full range of required courses and electives
- A range of courses for all levels, including:
  - Chemistry, advanced biology and science technology
  - Trigonometry, algebra and precalculus
  - Foreign languages
  - Select Advanced Placement courses
- Individualized instruction for unique learning needs
- Small class sizes of approximately 10 students, allowing opportunity for special instruction to each student's ability
- A variety of assessments by highly trained special education teachers for help in filling in learning gaps and measuring growth
- Hands-on experiential instruction in using the latest technology

### Specialty Tracks

We make every attempt to meet your student's unique learning requirements. Specialty tracks are designed to help assist some students with any additional needs they may have.

#### STEP Classroom

Our Social Therapeutic Education Program (STEP) classrooms are specifically designed to help students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Students in the STEP classrooms are understood and supported where they are uniquely at in their treatment. Individual student needs are assessed and materials are presented to their unique learning styles.

Students learn to work around their individual autism spectrum-related challenges.

**For more information or to submit a referral, please contact**  
**[GOS.Referrals@AdventHealth.com](mailto:GOS.Referrals@AdventHealth.com)**



## Intervention Classroom

For students who might become overwhelmed in traditional classes, we offer an intervention classroom. Here, classes are self-paced and include mastery instruction by a special education teacher catered to individual needs. When students are feeling less stressed and more confident, they can reintegrate into their regularly scheduled classes.

## Virtual Classroom

Our virtual classroom is designed for high school students already admitted to UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks Day School Program. Students qualify for this classroom based on an interview process at admission or may join the classroom during their enrollment at the school based on treatment team recommendations. There can be many reasons that qualify for entry into the virtual classroom, including medical, mental health or other unique circumstances determined by the student, parents/guardians, and student's treatment team.

## Learning Community Classroom

Some students require a self-contained model to provide fewer transitions and stability within their day. These classes offer a wide variety of subjects while allowing students to stay within their small classroom setting.

## Providing Emotional Support

We offer a variety of therapies. Individual therapy is a main component of our program, with students meeting one-on-one weekly with a licensed clinician or clinical psychologist. Here, students work to develop or improve self-awareness, social skills and coping skills, based on their individual goals. Therapists use a variety of techniques, including social thinking, dialectical behavioral therapy, cognitive behavioral therapies and interpersonal therapy.

- Animal-assisted activity
- Art
  - Art therapy
  - Exploration of art
  - Photography
- Music
  - Choir, guitar, piano
  - Music therapy
  - Music theory and appreciation
- Exercise and athletics
  - Chicago Area Alternative Education League (CAAEL) competitive sports
  - Exploration of leisure activities
  - Recreation therapy
  - Yoga and meditation

## 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. For more information, please email [GOS.Referrals@AdventHealth.com](mailto:GOS.Referrals@AdventHealth.com)

## Locations and Leadership

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The school consists of two campuses:

### UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks School Pheasant Ridge Campus

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