The residential program provides both an exciting and educational atmosphere!

**Mission Statement**

St. Mary’s School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

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Residential Program

From Monday morning until Friday afternoon, many students make their home in our residential program. Students come from near and far to share in this educational and social experience. A strong focus is placed on improving each individual student’s academic performance and overall development. Participation of family members in the residential experience is encouraged.

Cooperative Program

Ongoing communication between parents, educational and residential staff regarding student progress is a key component of dorm living and growth. The residential program is staffed with caring, professional personnel trained in sign language, CPR, first aid, strategies for therapeutic crisis intervention and prevention, as well as current behavior management techniques.

Room Accommodations & Additional Support

- Spacious & private dormitories
- Comfortable lounge areas

The physical well being and safety needs of our students are ALWAYS are our first priority.

We are well prepared with:
- 24 hour health center (RN’s on duty)
- 24 hour security staff
- Skilled food service staff to prepare nutritional, balanced meals

Home Away From Home

Students from age five to twenty-one years old are included in appropriate peer groups and participate in a variety of activities according to their age and gender. Together, the staff and students create a homelike atmosphere. In addition to interscholastic sports and extensive after school programs, students can choose from a variety of leisure activities in well-equipped computer labs, exercise facilities and recreation areas. In addition, tutors are available to assist students with their academic challenges. Involvement in community service & events highlight a busy schedule of

About St. Mary’s School for the Deaf

St. Mary’s School for the Deaf (SMSD) is a private, state-supported school that serves deaf and hard of hearing children from infancy through age 21. There is no tuition charge for New York State residents. SMSD has been the primary source of quality education utilizing the full spectrum of communication modes since 1853.