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Camphill Special School awarded dual accreditations

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Camphill Special School, a day and residential school and community for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Glenmoore, PA recently was awarded a full seven year term of accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

As the only Waldorf school in North America for children and youth with special needs, Camphill Special School also has earned the same term of full accreditation from The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

Members of both accreditation teams met with and interviewed representatives of all the school's stakeholders, including teachers, students, parents, and administrators, as well as representatives of the Board of Directors. Team

members also toured the school's facilities, studied the school's plan for school improvement and other documents related to the school's work, and observed teaching and learning in classrooms.

To be accredited, a school must meet standards in each major area of its work and activity. These areas include the school's philosophy, mission, objectives, governance and leadership, organizational design and staff, educational programs, learning media services and technology, student services, student life and activities, facilities, health and safety, finances, assessment of student learning, and strategic planning.

Warren R. Gleicher, president of Camphill Special School's Board of Directors, said "We are enormously proud of the accreditations awarded to our school by Middle States and AWSNA. The entire accreditation process validates the integrity of our unique programming for children with special needs and clearly justifies the faith and resources our many supporters place in Camphill Special School."

Camphill Special School, established in 1963, also is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an Approved Private School.

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