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The Newton Learning Center...
helping students and families



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LEARNING CENTER

NORTHERN NEVADA

**A Social-Cognitive private school for students
diagnosed on the higher end of the Autism Spectrum**

Mission Statement:

The Newton Learning Center enhances the future of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Vision Statement:

We create an individualized, high-quality academic and social approach to achieve a dynamic level of success in every child's future. This is accomplished by partnering with families and the community to provide a safe, fun, and supportive learning environment led by passionate and understanding staff.



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Who we are

The Newton Learning Center opened its doors in September 2008. Licensed as a Private School with the Nevada Department of Education, our school functions as a social-cognitive school for students needing a more individualized approach. The need for individualized attention in the areas of academics and social thinking is critical to our students. Many of our students have been diagnosed on the higher end of the Autism Spectrum or similar disorders and find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time in large mainstream school classrooms. Our school has a low student to classroom staff ratio of 8:1. Our program is intensive and produces results.

Belief Statements:

We believe working as a team with each family will create a safe, caring and supportive environment that allows all students to work to their fullest potential.

We believe the Newton Learning Center is a help-mate to the school district, as co-partners in giving these students the social capabilities needed to return to a mainstream school with all the tools necessary to go on and have a successful academic future.

We believe it is imperative that these students have teachers and staff who fully understand their struggles, and how hard they try to accomplish simple things that most of us take for granted. We here at the Newton Learning Center are dedicated to the ideals of children with Autism reaching their full potential.

We believe the Newton Learning Center is a unique learning environment where teachers see and believe in every day marvels, and parents who dared to hope, see their children grow into confident and secure young people who have been given tools to help them fulfill their dreams.

Contact Us

Feel free to call us Monday thru Friday 8am-4pm or send an email to the address below. We are located on the corner of Village Green Pkwy and Caughlin Pkwy.

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**We accept major credit cards
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Regarding previous public placement:

“Although very high functioning, he was just not able to keep up with the social development of his peers.”

Regarding Newton Learning Center:

“He instantly felt at home. I can’t speak highly enough about how dedicated the staff are to each child’s growth socially, scholastically, and emotionally.”

– Jim Truitt

Programs Offered

Day School Program

The Newton Learning Center provides a social-cognitive approach to academics for students K-12. Parents are often motivated to seek out programs that go beyond the special education resources available in public schools. We firmly believe in each of our students reaching their own potential through a proven method that allows for educational growth.



Summer Programs

CAMP NEWTON

Summer camp can be one of the best experiences for people with ASD. Camp Newton is a summer camp for students ages 7-17 geared toward learning and developing personal and social skills. Camp fees are separate from regular tuition.



"(The) staff have worked very hard to restore her confidence. She knows she can accomplish anything if she sets her mind to it. They truly reach the ONE!"

– Linda Hayes



Newton Learning Centers

Our ultimate goal at the Newton Learning Center is to provide our students the appropriate skill set to successfully navigate the social realm. We pride ourselves in being able to see our students transition out of our school, back into a comprehensive learning environment, and continue to reach their full potential simultaneously.

School Day

We are a NV Department of Education licensed school for grades K-12.

School Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays	8:40 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch @ 12:50 p.m.
Wednesdays and Fridays	8:40 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch @ 12:20 p.m.

Tuition and Fees

The monthly tuition from August to June is \$850/month. All tuition payments are due within 5 days of the beginning of the month. Intermittent fees include:

- field trips
- class projects and other basic school supplies

Enrollment & Cancellation Policies

We have a unique enrollment process. To ensure that we are an appropriate fit, all families must tour the school prior to enrollment, have a current IEP with the exception of privately placed students, and be enrolled for 30 days prior to official placement at the Newton Learning Center.

No refunds, all cancellations require a 30 day written notice to the Site Director and Executive Director with the intent of withdrawal.

The rights of private school students differ than those of public schools. Unacceptable conduct exhibited by a currently enrolled student may result in disciplinary actions and/or sanctions. Newton Learning Center reserves the right to terminate any student at any time that, in the opinion of the administration, does not follow the specific guidelines and regulations stated by the school. These guidelines and regulations ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and students and will be strictly adhered to.



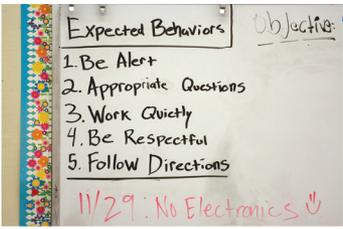
Individual Academics

We strive to implement a quality education with a unique approach to identify the individual learning differences which are then utilized in planning each student's educational program. Standard Diplomas are available for HS Students. Students must earn 22.5 credits earned in order to graduate with a diploma (see page 7)



Social Thinking™

The term Social Thinking™ now encompasses many treatment programs broadly described as "teaching social thinking and related skills." The Newton Learning Center provides a Social Thinking™ class for all students based on Michelle Garcia Winner and the Newton method.



Behaviors

Students with Autism and similar developmental disabilities often exhibit behaviors that affect their success navigating the social realm. The Newton Learning Center provides students who struggle with socially unexpected behaviors strategies to overcome these deficits in a supportive environment. Our goal is to help our students develop their social competencies to better connect with others and live happier, more meaningful lives.

"Our stress level as parents has also dropped since we are relieved that our kids are in a safe and bully-free environment with accepting and caring peers and teachers."

— Janis & Kurt Lammers



High School Students (grades 9-12)

To be awarded a **Standard High School Diploma**, a student must earn a total of 22.5 credits;

- 16 credits are core classes
- 6.5 credits are electives

Some of the electives offered at Newton are:

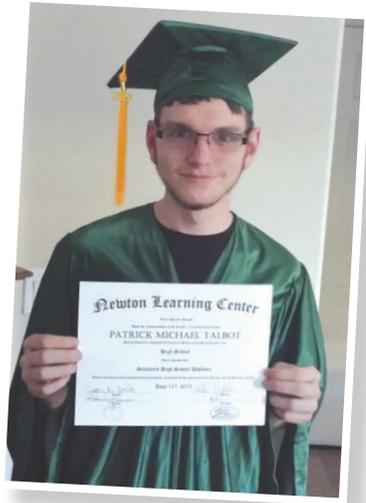
- Social Thinking I & II
- Yearbook
- School newspaper
- Intro to Coding
- Life Skills I & II
- Teacher Aide

The ACT and EOCs are not required of HS Private School students (effective 2017)

Required Courses
English (4 credits)
Math (3 credits)
Social Studies (3 credits)
Science (2 credits)
Physical Education (2 credits)
Health (.5 credit)
Arts/Humanities/ Career Technology (1 credit)
Computer Literacy (.5 credit)
Electives (6.5 credits)

“After years of public, private, charter and homeschool, we finally found a place where our son is safe and happy. He is being prepped both academically and socially to return to a public school setting, but this time he’ll have the tools to succeed.”

– Darcy Phillips



Newton Learning Center Board of Directors and Faculty

Name	Job Title	Qualifications	Years Served
Bob Cole	Chair	M.A.	Since 2011
Dr. Burton Worrell	Treasurer	PhD	Since 1974
Andrew Phillips	Secretary	J.D.	Since 2017
Larry Dailey	Board Member	M.A.	Since 2017
Dan Fowler	Board Member	M.A.	Since 2017
Dr. Christine Hagie	Board Member	PhD	Since 2017
Tara Bevington	Executive Director	B.A.	Since 2010
RJ Larriue rebeccaj@secondstart.org	Site Director & Teacher	BS + 15 yrs. Experience; MAT (in progress)	Since 2013
Katy Nickles katyk@secondstart.org	Lead Special Education Teacher	NV Dual License	Since 2012
Bethany Valentine bethanyv@secondstart.org	Teacher	BS / NV Sub License	Since 2015
Brooke Catlin brokeec@secondstart.org	Teacher	BA and MAT (in progress)	Since 2018
Maura Truitt maurat@secondstart.org	Admin Assistant	HS Diploma	Since 2013

**All teachers and paraprofessionals are trained and certified in Handle With Care, and are required to renew annually.*

