

# EDUCATIONAL THERAPY

Shades Mountain Christian School offers an educational therapy program developed by the National Institute for Learning Development for students who are struggling with a learning difficulty. Although these students have average to above average intelligence, they may experience significant difficulties in listening, speaking, reading, writing, spelling, reasoning, or mathematical skills. These students find that a few areas of difficulty can have a devastating effect on their ability to learn, making the educational process a frustration rather than an adventure. The NILD educational therapy program utilizes a variety of academic and perceptual techniques to address the students' deficits and to develop efficient, accurate thinking. As skills improve students are then able to learn on their own and are free to use all their abilities to the fullest. The goal of educational therapy is to equip students on one on one intervention process to succeed in the classroom and in life as independent learners.

## FAQS

### **Are the students mainstreamed into the regular classes?**

The students are mainstreamed into the regular classroom and are pulled out for educational therapy. Their educational therapy schedule is set up to have minimal impact on their classroom instruction.

### **Does it cost extra for this service?**

Yes, it does because it is one-on-one individualized instruction.

### **How can my child be successful if they are mainstreamed and struggles with learning?**

While the student is in therapy the therapist makes the necessary accommodations for them in the regular classroom. The student is still required to work at the appropriate grade level with help from their accommodations.

### **How long and how often is this therapy?**

For the elementary student, they have therapy two times a week for 80 minutes a session.

For the high school student, it varies due to our block scheduling. We meet with the secondary students at least 160 minutes per week.

### **Where can I find out more information on the National Institute for Learning Development?**

Their website is [www.nild.net](http://www.nild.net) and it will help you to gather more information about the program. The website includes parent testimonials, research results, and many helpful suggestions for parents.