



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

A MISSION-DRIVEN
501(C)(3) NONPROFIT
SERVING CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES IN
RURAL OREGON.

OUR MISSION:

Circle of Friends School's mission is to provide a highly specialized, inclusive educational program for children and youth with complex disabilities whose needs cannot be met in traditional school environments. We exist first and foremost as a school, grounded in the belief that every child, regardless of disability or medical complexity, deserves access to meaningful, high-quality education in a setting designed around their full humanity.

WHO WE SERVE:

Circle of Friends serves children with significant medical, physical, and developmental disabilities whose educational and health needs exceed what local districts can safely provide. Many of our students would otherwise face prolonged homebound instruction or lack any viable local school option. We partner annually with school districts and provide 172 days of safe, in-person education each year for students who would not otherwise have access to an appropriate learning environment.

WHAT MAKES CIRCLE OF FRIENDS DIFFERENT:

Circle of Friends is built on an intensive, integrated model that blends education, medical care, and therapeutic support throughout the school day.

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

- **1,605 instructional hours per year** delivered in one-to-one and small-group settings
- **87 active IEP goals** embedded into daily routines and instruction
- **An average of 560 minutes per day per student of individualized instruction** across academics, communication, social skills, and functional learning
- AAC-supported communication integrated into every school routine, with an **estimated 1 to 3 AAC interactions per student per routine** across 11 daily routines

MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT

- **99 hours per month of nursing** and medically informed care
- **74 hours per month dedicated exclusively to G-tube feeding** and care
- **98 mobility transfers** or positioning supports per day to ensure safety and access
- Daily use of adaptive equipment including standers, walkers, wheelchairs, adaptive seating, trikes, and toileting supports

FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

- At least **35 direct coordination touchpoints** with families each week, including daily notes home, texts, and calls related to health, behavior, and care coordination
- **Circle of Friends enables caregivers to maintain employment** and stability by providing a safe, consistent school option for their children

WHY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS MATTERS:

Circle of Friends exists because some children do not fit within traditional systems, yet still deserve access to education, community, and opportunity. Through a highly specialized, student-centered model, we prevent extended homebound instruction, with students avoiding up to 10 months of isolation due to lack of appropriate placement. For families, this means stability, dignity, and true partnership. For school districts, it means a trusted, compliant, and mission-aligned solution for students with the most complex needs.

Circle of Friends demonstrates that with the right design, expertise, and commitment, even the most medically and educationally complex needs can be met with excellence and humanity.