

**The William R. Satz School offers a comprehensive program consistent with district goals and current trends in quality education.** The program is designed to promote cognitive and affective growth as well as to expand the self-confidence of students and increase their positive feelings toward learning.

**Interwoven in the fabric of the learning experience is an atmosphere that encourages students to accept each other's uniqueness.** Having students from diverse backgrounds, working together in the classroom and participating in co-curriculum programs offered by the school promotes multicultural respect, understanding, cooperation and tolerance. Initiatives such as the NJHS (National Jr. Honors Society) and the MAG group (Multicultural Activities Group) help us maintain an atmosphere of support and acceptance for all of our students.

**The instructional program at the William R. Satz School focuses on developing the ability of our students to think critically and creatively through the use of multiple learning** strategies, small group work, and simulation experiences. Full grade level participation in such programs as the Creative Arts – Broadway theater trip and the three day Washington, D.C. experience stress problem solving as well as self-reliance and is consistent with current educational research. In addition, the Satz School educational program focuses on active learning; manipulative materials, exploration, inquiry, problem solving and critical thinking are mainstays of the total learning experience at the William R. Satz School.

**In the district plan for excellence, staff development remains a strong focus.** During the course of the school year, staff members participate in a variety of in district courses, out-of-district professional workshops and graduate programs. A strong emphasis is placed on differentiated instruction, cooperative learning, and the co-teaching model. Faculty members are also encouraged to attend both state and national conventions in an effort to keep abreast of all the latest educational research and literature.

**William R. Satz also features a well-balanced program of instruction that's specifically** designed for each grade level, and incorporates offerings for the wide interests of middle school age students. Technology education (invention, innovation and car assisted racing), physical education and health, life skills, art, music appreciation, world languages, English as a Second Language, basic skills courses, remedial and honors level programs all reflect the comprehensiveness of the program. After school offerings include interscholastic sports (field hockey, cross country, boy's and girl's soccer, boy's and girl's basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, track, baseball and softball), drama productions (The Legend of Sleepy Hollow), student council, Builders' Club, (a service organization), Youth Alliance, and the school newspaper (The William's Pen). To help compliment our program, each academic teacher also provides two days per week of extra-help to our students after school.