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ALOHA MICRO
ACADEMY'S
SPECIAL ED COURSE
HANDBOOK
2025-2026



Aloha Micro Academy



SPECIAL EDUCATION SOLUTION

In Partnership with **n2y**

Empowering Every Learner Through Personalized Tools

Aloha Micro Academy, we use n2y's Total Solution to support students with exceptional needs through academic curriculum, behavior support, communication systems, and targeted intervention.

What Your Student Receives:

Tool	Purpose
Unique Learning System	Standards-based curriculum (ELA, Math, Science)
News-2-You	Weekly symbol-supported newspaper
Positivity	Social-emotional learning & visual supports
SymbolStix PRIME	Tools for nonverbal or emerging communicators
L ^S Skills	Educational games that reinforce concepts
Inspire	Targeted academic interventions
Polaris	Transparent IEP development and progress tracking

What You Receive as a Family:

- Home learning kits (reading, math, behavior)
- Access to your student's progress dashboard
- Weekly tip sheets and newsletters
- Ongoing communication with certified teachers
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Total Integrated Solution n2y For Aloha Micro Academy Special Education Program

AlohaMicroAcademy uses n2y's **n2yTotalSolution**, thoughtfully combining core academics, literacy, behavior management, communication tools, and intervention—all aligned with each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

1. IEP Development Tools – Polaris Collaborative

- **Purpose:** Streamlines IEP creation, ensures compliance, and promotes collaboration across educators, therapists, and families.
 - **Access:** Web-based with login for each service provider and student.
 - **Benefits:**
 - Easy progress tracking
 - Clear visibility for families
 - Simplified documentation and goal-setting n2y.com
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2. Behavior & Classroom Management – Positivity

- **Purpose:** Helps students build self-regulation and emotional wellness.
 - **Features:**
 - Positive behavior supports
 - Social-emotional tools
 - Insightful behavior tracking for teacher–family communication
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3. Core Academic Curriculum – Unique Learning System (ULS)

- **Coverage:** Standards-aligned curriculum spanning PreK to transition age.
 - **Includes:** Lessons in math, ELA, science, social studies, life skills, with multimedia-rich daily instruction.
 - **Access:** Grade-band licenses, personalized student logins.
 - **Family benefits:**
 - Aligned with grade-level standards
 - Multi-sensory materials, adaptable for varied learning styles n2y.com
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4. Accessible Literature – Classics

- **Audience:** Middle to high school students.
 - **Content:** Adapted versions of classic novels and plays, with reading supports.
 - **Purpose:** Encourages engagement with traditional texts, promotes cultural literacy n2y.com
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5. Literacy & Current Events – News-2-You

- **Format:** Weekly symbol-supported newspaper.
 - **Skills Developed:** Literacy, vocabulary, critical thinking through current events.
 - **Family Insight:** Nurtures dialogue at home around real-world topics
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6. Communication Tools – SymbolStix PRIME

- **Purpose:** Supports nonverbal and emerging communicators.
 - **Features:**
 - Access to n2y's symbol library
 - Easy symbol-supported instruction and communication n2y.com
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7. Skill-Building Games – L³ Skills

- **Purpose:** Engages students in interactive academic and life-skill practice.
 - **Style:** Game-based activities that reinforce foundational concepts and student motivation n2y.com
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8. Targeted Intervention – Inspire

- **Focus:** Intense interventions in literacy and math.
 - **Approach:** Teacher-led or independent, tailor-fit to student needs.
 - **Packaging:** Sold in student bundles—offers cost-effective targeted support n2y.com
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9. Hands-On Math – Equals & Manipulatives Kits

- **Resource:** Print-based multisensory math curriculum and tools.
- **Use:** Ideal for tactile learners; supports concrete conceptual understanding.
- **Delivery:** Ships directly to school for hands-on classroom activities n2y.com

10. Professional Learning & Support

Aloha Micro Academy ensures teaching excellence through professional learning designed for educators:

- **Webinars:** Interactive, strategy-driven online sessions.
- **Online Essentials Pathways:** Role-based (teacher-focused) training for effective implementation of each n2y tool (\$99–\$149 per person) n2y.com
- **Train-the-Trainer&On-sitePro Learning:** Personalized, school-level development led by n2y specialists n2y.com

Family Engagement & Transparency

- **IEP Visibility:** Parents can view goals, progress, and reports via Polaris.
- **Regular Check-ins:** Progress from ULS lessons, Inspire interventions, and behavior tracker from Positivity shared through parent portals or scheduled meetings.
- **Home Connection:** News-2-You and SymbolStix support shared learning and communication at home.

Program Structure Overview

Program Area	Tool(s)	Family Benefit
IEP & Compliance	Polaris Collaborative	Full visibility into goals and progress
Behavior & SEL	Positivity	Boosts self-regulation & communication
Core Curriculum	Unique Learning System	Aligned education with accessible format
Literature	Classics	Cultural literacy through adapted texts

Literacy Engagement	News-2-You	Real-world literacy with family dialogue
Communication	SymbolStix PRIME	Supports nonverbal learners
Games & Reinforcement	L ³ Skills	Fun, interactive learning
Intensive Intervention	Inspire	Targeted support where needed
Multisensory Math	Equals + Manipulatives	Hands-on math exploration
Educator Support	Webinars + Trainings	High-quality instruction implementation

Next Steps for Families

- **Orientation Session:**
A walkthrough covering how your student will use these tools—what’s done in school vs at home.
 - **Tech & Access Setup:**
Logins for students and family members. Tech checks to support remote access.
 - **Progress & Goal Meetings:**
Regular quarterly check-ins with educators to review IEP metrics and program impact.
 - **Support & Troubleshooting:**
Rolling access to training webinars and n2y’s support can help families stay connected throughout the year.
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Why Choose Aloha Micro Academy’s Program?

- **Holistic & Inclusive:** Integrates core academics with communication, behavior, and intervention.
- **Evidence-Based:** Aligns with standards, offers data-driven reporting.
- **Student-Centered:** Differentiated content and supports for diverse learners.

- **Family-Focused:** Regular communication, shareable tools, and at-home learning resources.
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Below is an enriched version of the Aloha Micro Academy Curriculum & Special Education Program Guide—expanding each section with more specific details from n2y’s offerings and highlighting how they benefit your families and students.

1. Total Integrated Solution

Aloha Micro Academy uses n2y’s award-winning “Total Solution”—a cohesive suite combining IEP management, behavior support, curriculum, interventions, literacy, communication, and professional development—to meet every student’s needs across academic and functional domains [youtube.com+5n2y.com+5prnewswire.com+5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5n2y.com+5prnewswire.com+5).

Family benefit: A unified, data-driven approach ensures continuity and consistency, reducing confusion around multiple platforms.

2. IEP Development – Polaris Collaborative

- **Functionality:** Web-based IEP writer and tracker aligned with state and federal standards. Facilitates goal-writing, progress monitoring, and compliance checks.
 - **Collaboration:** Multiple users (teachers, therapists, specialists, parents) can view, update, and contribute within a shared interface.
 - **Visualdashboards:** Families can see progress graphs and goal performance in real-time.
 - **Live signatures:** Electronically sign documents, making parent participation easy and secure.
 - **Family benefit:** Transparency and ease of access help parents stay informed and involved.
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3. Behavior & SEL – Positivity

- **Precise tracking:** Record behavior incidents and identify patterns (time, triggers, staff presence).
 - **Positive reinforcement:** Customize token boards and reward systems that celebrate progress.
 - **Visual supports:** Visual schedules, choice boards, and transitions help reduce anxiety and increase independence.
 - **Planning tools:** Proactive strategies for common behavior challenges (e.g., transition anxiety or task refusal).
 - **Family benefit:** Shared behavior data promotes consistency between school and home routines.
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4. Core Curriculum – Unique Learning System (ULS)

- **Standards-aligned:** Correlated to national/Common Core and state standards from Pre-K through transition age.
 - **Weekly lesson plans:** Includes vocabulary, reading, writing, math, science, social studies, functional skills like money and time.
 - **Multi-modal delivery:** Interactive digital lessons, printable materials, videos, comprehension checks.
 - **Checkpoint assessments:** Data-driven quizzes offer insights into mastery, with differentiation built in.
 - **Family benefit:** Parents can review goals at home, participate in lessons, and reinforce learning materials.
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5. Accessible Literature – Classics

- **Adapted texts:** Reader-friendly versions of Shakespeare, Steinbeck, Morrison, and more.
 - **Annotation features:** SymbolStix-supported definitions and comprehension prompts accompany reading.
 - **Assessment tools:** Embedded quizzes, writing prompts, discussion guides.
 - **Family benefit:** Enables students to engage in literary classics, share reading at home, and explore thematic discussions.
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6. Literacy & Current Events – News-2-You

- **Weekly newspaper:** Up-to-date, symbol-supported content covering real-world news and community events.
 - **Skill-building:** Includes comprehension questions, writing prompts, vocabulary reinforcement.
 - **Differentiation:** Three reading levels ensure accessibility for diverse learners.
 - **Family newsletter:** Extensions and discussion starters help families delve deeper at home.
 - **Family benefit:** Builds literacy, awareness, and critical thinking—while enabling meaningful family conversations.
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7. Communication – SymbolStix PRIME

- **Extensive symbol library:** Access thousands of professionally designed symbols.
- **User-friendly interface:** Teachers and families can drag-and-drop symbols to build communication boards, schedules, and choice mats.
- **Integration:** Seamlessly links with other n2y tools for cohesive symbol-supported experiences.

- **AAC support:** Ideal for students with emerging or alternative communication needs.
 - **Family benefit:** Families learn and use the same tools at home—foster communication with visuals.
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8. Skill-Building Games – L³ Skills

- **Engaging format:** Gamified activities in math, literacy, life skills, and fine motor/visual motor practice.
 - **Adaptable difficulty:** Games adjust difficulty based on student performance.
 - **Reinforcement tracking:** Data tracks usage, progress, and accuracy.
 - **Family benefit:** Students can play at home using school credentials—families can see progress & play together.
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9. Targeted Intervention – Inspire

- **Teacher-led modules:** Small-group instruction in critical areas like decoding, comprehension, math computation.
 - **Independent student tracks:** Self-paced digital pathways allow personalized learning.
 - **Progress monitoring:** Frequent assessment ensures quick response to learning gaps.
 - **Family benefit:** Families receive clear feedback on intervention sessions and are invited to reinforce skills at home.
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10. Hands-On Math – Equals & Manipulatives Kits

- **Concrete tools:** Kits include graphic organizers, base-ten blocks, fraction tiles, geometric shapes.

- **Structured lessons:** Printable, step-by-step lessons align manipulative use to core concepts.
 - **Multisensory focus:** Strengthens math understanding via touch and visual cues.
 - **Family benefit:** Students can bring kits home for homework; easy parental coaching guides included.
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11. Professional Learning & Support

- **On-demand webinars:** Cover topics like tiered instruction, science of reading, SEL integration, and adaptive behavior supports.
 - **Online Essentials Pathways:** Role-based learning (teacher, SLP, paraprofessional) \$99–\$149 per learner.
 - **On-site Pro Learning:** Customized in-person training, including train-the-trainer models and classroom coaching.
 - **Community support:** Access to user groups, blog articles, and white papers.
 - **Family benefit:** Confident, well-trained staff mean high-quality implementation and consistent communication.
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12. Family Engagement & Transparency

- **Parent portal access:** Real-time dashboards for goals (Polaris), behavior (Positivity), and academic skills (ULS, Inspire).
- **Home learning kits:** Materials and instructions for News-2-You, SymbolStix, and manipulatives.
- **Quarterly progress events:** Teacher-led goal review sessions synchronized with IEP updates.
- **Ongoing tips:** Weekly email newsletters with home strategies and conversation starters.

- **Family benefit:** Builds partnership between home and school—empowers families as active participants.

Program Overview (Detailed)

Area	Tools	Specifics
IEP & Compliance	Polaris Collaborative	Goal writing, state alignment, signature collection, real-time progress
Behavior & SEL	Positivity	Behavior tracking, visual supports, reinforcement systems, strategy planning
Core Curriculum	Unique Learning System	Weekly differentiated lessons, multisensory delivery, assessments
Literature	Classics	Adapted famous works, symbol support, quizzes and discussion guides
Current Events & Literacy	News-2-You	Weekly symbol news, vocabulary building, levels, home extension
Communication	SymbolStix PRIME	Symbol library, AAC boards, cross-tool integration
Reinforcement Practice	L ³ Skills	Gamified academic and life skill practice, adjust for ability
Intensive Intervention	Inspire	Phonics, comprehension, math routines; track data
Multisensory Manipulatives	Equals + Kits	Hands-on math support, take-home kits
Professional Learning	Webinars, Pathways, On-site	Role-tailored training, live coaching, community resources
Parent Engagement	Portals, Newsletters, Home Kits	Shared access, between-session strategies, family schools program

What This Means for Aloha Families:

1. **Comprehensive support across domains**—students benefit from aligned tools in academics, behavior, and communication.
 2. **Built-in differentiation**—everyone, from non-readers to transition-age students, receives appropriate materials.
 3. **Visible growth**—data-rich progress tracking keeps goals clear and measurable.
 4. **Seamless home-school continuity**—parents foster learning with the same tools used in class.
 5. **High-quality teaching**—staff are well-prepared to leverage tools effectively.
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Next Steps:

- **Interactive demo:** Host a walkthrough of the student/family portal to introduce tools.
- **Home kit assembly:** Prepare take-home manipulatives, News-2-You copies, and SymbolStix boards.
- **Quarterly parent sessions:** Schedule information nights with goal and progress updates.
- **Support line:** Set up a help resource for families needing assistance with any platform.

Aloha Micro Academy's Special Education Sample Take-Home Kits for Families

Each kit includes instructions, printables, and optional manipulatives to reinforce learning at home.

1. Unique Learning System (ULS) Kit

- Weekly themed mini-books (printed)
- Comprehension cards (multiple choice with visuals)
- Writing prompt journal
- Math activity sheets with manipulatives (coins, shapes, ruler)
- Parent guide: "3 Ways to Extend Learning at Home"

2. News-2-You Kit

- Printed weekly newspaper (in simplified and standard versions)
- Vocabulary flashcards with symbols
- Comprehension questions and "Talk About It" prompts
- Home extension worksheet (cook a recipe or watch related video)
- Parent guide: "Making Current Events Family-Friendly"

3. Positivity Behavior Kit

- Visual schedule (laminated)
- Token board and reward chart
- Feeling chart with dry-erase marker
- Mini social stories (e.g., transitions, frustration)

- Parent guide: “Using Positivity at Home: Step-by-Step”

4. SymbolStix PRIME Kit

- Custom home communication board
- Printable emotion and need cards (bathroom, hungry, break, help)
- Blank symbol template for families to personalize
- Parent guide: “Building Communication Using Symbols”

5. L³ Skills Home Activities Kit

- Access guide for online games + offline printable alternatives
- Matching cards for vocabulary, numbers, and categories
- Fine motor game with household items (e.g., clothespin sorting)
- Parent guide: “Daily 10-Minute Game Routine”

6. Inspire Intervention Kit

- Decodable reading passages + highlighter
- Math fluency flashcards
- Graphic organizer for comprehension
- Progress tracker for parents
- Parent guide: “What to Do When Your Child Needs Extra Help”



Parent Tip Sheets

These one-page handouts summarize each n2y tool and how families can use it effectively.

Unique Learning System

What It Is: A standards-based curriculum designed for students with diverse learning needs.

Home Use Tips:

- Read mini-books together and ask your child questions.
 - Use printable math or writing activities as homework.
 - Track progress using the parent dashboard.
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News-2-You

What It Is: A weekly newspaper that brings real-world events into the classroom.

Home Use Tips:

- Read it aloud together and talk about the pictures.
 - Use vocabulary cards to build word recognition.
 - Try the recipes or crafts for a fun, connected learning day.
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Positivity

What It Is: A positive behavior support program with tools to build emotional regulation.

Home Use Tips:

- Stick to a simple visual schedule at home.
 - Use token boards to reward morning and bedtime routines.
 - Practice calming strategies (e.g., deep breathing visuals).
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SymbolStix PRIME

What It Is: A massive library of symbols to support communication and learning.

Home Use Tips:

- Post symbol cards in common rooms (kitchen, bedroom).
 - Encourage your child to point to a symbol to express wants/needs.
 - Use photos or drawings alongside symbols for personalization.
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L³ Skills

What It Is: Interactive games that support academics and life skills.

Home Use Tips:

- Log in together and play for 10 minutes daily.
 - Discuss what they learned after each game.
 - Use printed versions for screen-free days.
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Inspire

What It Is: A research-based intervention platform for reading and math.

Home Use Tips:

- Ask your child to explain what they're learning.
- Celebrate milestones using the built-in progress tracker.
- Practice with flashcards or mini-lessons for reinforcement.