

## Plainfield H.S. students get up on horses at Hope's Promise

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### CHESTER TOWNSHIP —

Fifteen special needs students from Plainfield High School stepped out of the classroom and boarded a bus for Morris County where they participated in a horsemanship and riding program at Hope's Promise, a small private farm operated by Maureen Coultas, which provides equine therapy programs.

Yacelin, one of 15 special needs students from Plainfield High

School who took part in the horsemanship & riding program at Hope's Promise, is all smiles as she prepares to take a ride.  
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Shortly after arriving the students were allowed to lead three miniature horses around a stone driveway which brought huge smiles to the teenagers faces. The small horses are named Michelangelo, Eeyor and Rafael.

Then the moment they all had been waiting finally arrived. With helmets on the students were taken to an upper corral where each one was helped into a saddle. Coultas and her helpers then lead the students on their rides were more smiles appeared especially when the horses were led into a short trot.

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