Special Education Services

5 to 21years old



Special Education is a federally- and state-mandated service that ensures the unique needs of students with disabilities are met through specially designed instruction to support educational success.

Why should I consider Special Education for my Child?

If your child learns differently due to a developmental delay or disability, your local school district can do an evaluation to see if they qualify for an Individualized Education Program (IEP). An IEP can provide the support your child needs to learn and grow.

Who may qualify for Special Education Services?

- Students aged 3 to 21 years old
- Students who need more support to learn than is offered in the general education classroom

Who do you contact for more information?

Contact your local school district to learn more. If you want to see if they qualify for school-based support, request an evaluation in writing and verbally.

Common Terms you may hear:

- **Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA):**
  - Federal law that ensures children with disabilities have access to appropriate specialized instruction and related services that meet the student's unique needs at no cost to the family.
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP):**
  - A plan to support a child's learning and development, based on evaluation results that highlight strengths and areas of need.
- **Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE):**
  - Children with disabilities have the right to receive specially designed instruction and related services to support their unique needs at no cost to the family.
- **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE):**
  - Children with disabilities deserve to learn and grow in the same classrooms as their typically developing peers whenever possible.