

Eastmont School District Special Education Services

What is it?

Special education is a system of supports available to students with disabilities who also have learning needs related to their disability. The primary support is provided by trained teachers, and other professional staff, who deliver specially designed instruction to meet the learning needs of eligible students. Access to and delivery of these services is governed by federal and state law, and School Board policies and procedures.

Where is it?

Each school is staffed with special education teachers and support staff. The learning needs of most students can be met by teachers and support staff right in the building. For students with more complex or profound learning needs, center based services are located in certain schools within the district.

Who does it serve?

Children and young adults from birth through age 21 who are residents of the Eastmont School District are entitled to receive special education services if they meet certain eligibility requirements. Children from birth through age 3 are served by a community agency under contract with the district. Preschool aged children (ages 3-5) are served in community preschools and in the district's preschool. School aged children and young adults (ages 6-21) are served in district schools.

All students receiving special education services have been found eligible through a process of assessment and consultation following federal and state guidelines. Eligibility is based on a combination of the presence of a disability within the child and an educational impact of that disability requiring specially designed instruction.

What if I'm concerned about my child?

First, talk to your child's teacher about your concerns. Every school has a process in place to provide help when there are concerns about student learning and your child may need to have access to that process. You may also talk to the counselor, psychologist or administrator for your school.

One outcome of that process might be a referral for a special education assessment for which your written permission is required. When that assessment is finished you will be invited to a meeting at the school to discuss the results, consider your child's eligibility for special education services, and, if eligible, help plan for your child's individualized education program.

If you have concerns about a child who is not yet in school call the Eastmont Special Education Office at 884-8333.

Who else can I talk to?

If you have other questions, or concerns, you are encouraged to call the Eastmont Special Education Office at 884-8333.

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