SPECIAL EDUCATION

What we do
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Who we are
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Our students
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- Students benefit from instructional programs and services provided at a variety of sites.
- Infants and toddlers receive early intervention services. We provide parents with information and resources to support their child’s needs.
- Our WorkAbility Program serves students ages 18 to 22. This program has successfully supported our graduates as they train to become employable.

Parents are involved in the education of their student through the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) process. As an IEP or IFSP team member, parents/guardians participate in forming annual academic, behavioral, developmental and social goals for the student. Parents receive quarterly communications regarding the student’s goal progress.

Individual Transition Plans (ITPs) are written with graduating students and their families to facilitate appropriate adult life post-school options.

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We operate classes on public school campuses to serve students with special needs. We align all special education classroom curriculum goals with the California Content Standards and the Preschool Learning Foundations. Students receive instruction in the regular core curriculum in the state content areas and participate in the state testing programs.

Programs we offer include:
- Deaf/hard of hearing
- Orthopedic impairments
- Other health impairments
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Visual impairments (preschool)
- Emotional disturbance
- Severe medical needs
- Severe cognitive delay

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