

7th and 8th Grade Special Programs

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- Learning Support – This program is designed to aid students with an individual education plan (IEP). Their IEP is based on his/her own strengths and weaknesses and the plan may incorporate remedial instruction in reading, written language, cognitive skills development, mathematics, and/or study skills as determined by a diagnostic team and that student's parents. Students normally spend one period per day working with a learning support teacher.
- Practical Studies – This program supports students with an IEP who in addition to needing remedial instruction may require alternative programming in specific areas such as language arts, science, social studies, reading, and math. Students are integrated into general education core classes and electives in areas where they can achieve success and reasonable accommodations can be made. Associate support is often available to help with integration into general education classes.
- Life Skills – This program serves students with behavioral and/or emotional problems which interfere with their learning. Most students will receive some direct instruction in the Life Skills classroom where the classes are small and the instruction is individualized. As the students learn and grow they are given opportunities to reintegrate into general education classes, often with support from educational associates.
- Success Center 7 and Success Center 8 – This program provides special assistance to students who have difficulty mastering the language, academic, cultural, and social skills necessary to reach their educational capabilities. Students will develop the organizational, social, and study skills necessary to obtain success in the regular classroom. Appropriate counseling and school and community based support services are coordinated to students with special needs. Regular contact is maintained with parents to ensure successful home/school relations. Most students spend one period per day with a success center teacher. Eighth students also have the opportunity to earn credit for Language Arts and American History in the success center classroom.
- ELL (English language learner) – This program is designed to prepare students who are not native English speakers for their experiences and course work in an American school program. English is taught as a foreign language with emphasis on comprehension of both written and oral English. Areas of study include structure, pronunciation, spelling and composition. In addition, survival skills will be a focus for students who may need an introduction to the American culture outside of the classroom.
- EIS (early intervention services) – This program provides remediation in reading, writing, and math for students with gaps in their learning or have missed critical core instruction in their schooling.