

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Mercer Area School District operates programs for eligible students. Services for students identified as Gifted are no longer classified as in the area of "Special Education". Gifted is now included under Chapter 16 and the District provides Gifted Support Programming for students in Grades K – 12.

Handicapped students are encouraged to participate with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate in extracurricular activities and non-academic services and activities. This benefit is extended to students who attend Approved Private Schools, Special Education Centers, Cross District Programs and Homeschooled.

There are a small number of students that cannot be accommodated in the public school setting, and therefore, require a placement in a special education center or, if deemed necessary, in an Approved Private School.

The District contracts with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for services to those students included in low incident populations. Itinerant Vision Support, Hearing Support, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services, and Audiological Services are provided if deemed necessary.

Special Education Programs Operated Within the District:

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-  Learning Support
 -  Life Skills Support
 -  Speech & Language Support
 -  Emotional Support
 -  Autistic Support

Special Education Programs Operated Outside the District:

-  Life Skills Support
-  Multi-disabilities Support
-  Hearing Support
-  Vision Support
-  Autistic Support
-  Emotional Support
-  Residential Treatment Facility
-  Approved Private School