



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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Programs for Individuals with Exceptional Needs

Special Services Offered to Eligible Students

SAN DIEGO – As required by law, San Diego Unified School District is committed to identifying, locating and assessing all students within the district from birth to 21 years of age who may have disabilities. This includes students enrolled in public, private and parochial schools and highly mobile individual such as migrant and homeless children.

Eligible disabilities include, but are not limited to, hearing and/or vision impairment; physical handicap; mental retardation; orthopedic impairment; emotional disturbance; learning disability; speech and language impairment; and traumatic brain injury.

Special education and other program options and related services are provided to eligible students with disabilities. These services are provided based on the individual needs of the student and the recommendation of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team.

Options for eligible students include additional support and services in the general education setting; designated instruction and services such as language, speech and adapted physical education; special day class programs; and alternative school settings.

Parents who feel that their child is having problems learning in school and suspect that they have a disability, should bring their concern to the attention of their child's teacher or principal, or contact the Special Education Office at (619) 725 - 7604.

Programs and services for eligible pupils are pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Act and California law. The delivery of special education in City Schools is described in the district's Local Plan for Special Education. For more information parents are urged to call their child's school or visit the district website at www.sandi.net/specialed.

Serving more than 132,000 students, San Diego Unified School District is the second largest school district in California, with 216 schools and 34 additional educational facilities, and approximately 16,000 employees. The district is committed to accelerating gains in student performance, supporting schools and enhancing the classroom learning environment through modernized facilities and resources, and strengthening parent, community and higher education support of the educational process.

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