

PSD Special Education Program Overview

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Affective Needs - Center-Based Program

- Eligibility determined by IEP Team based on individual needs
- Elementary Schools: Bennett, Cache La Poudre, Linton
- Middle Schools: Blevins, Cache La Poudre MS, Preston
- High Schools: Fort Collins, Fossil Ridge, Poudre, Rocky Mountain
- Program supports students with needs in the following areas: demonstrating expected behaviors, demonstrating appropriate and safe interactions with adults and peers, ability to self-regulate, appropriate social skills, and dealing with the demands of the school environment
- Program provides specialized instruction to meet the variety of social/emotional needs of the student in the areas of academic skills, communication, social skills, emotional regulation, positive behavior strategies, and safety.

Autism - Center-Based Program

- Eligibility determined by IEP Team based on individual needs
- Elementary Schools: Bacon, Bamford, Bauder, Dunn, Eyestone, Johnson (K-2), O'Dea, Shepardson, Zach (K-2)
- Middle Schools: Boltz, Webber
- High Schools: Fort Collins, Fossil Ridge, Poudre, Rocky Mountain, Timnath, Wellington
- Program supports students who need extensive services based on engagement, peer interaction, behavioral challenges, language and communication, and academic challenges
- Program uses ABA-specific intervention strategies to address behavior, language, academic instruction, social skills, functional/life skills
- Program provides services along the LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) continuum, dependent on student needs

Early Childhood

- Serves 3-5 year olds by application process
- Placement by district offerings and parent choice
- Early Childhood Programs located in 20 Elementary Schools: Bacon, Bamford, Bauder, Beattie, Bennett, CLPE*, Eyestone, Harris, Irish, Johnson, Kruse, Laurel, Linton, Lopez, Olander, Putnam, Tavelli *, Timnath, Traut, Werner (Note: * indicates general education teacher only)

Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Center-Based Program

- Eligibility determined by IEP Team based on individual needs
- Schools: Elementary School - McGraw, Middle School - Webber, High School - Rocky Mountain

Integrated Learning Support (ILS) - Center-Based Program

- Eligibility determined by IEP Team based on individual needs
- Elementary Schools: Bethke, Laurel, Lopez, Olander, Putnam, Rice, Werner
- Middle Schools: Kinard, Leshner, Lincoln, Timnath, Webber, Wellington
- High Schools: Fort Collins, Fossil Ridge, Poudre, Rocky Mountain, Timnath, Wellington
- Program supports students who have significant needs in one or more of the following areas: communication, health, physical, safety, personal care, cognitive, and behavior
- Students are usually accessing alternate standards and assessments and need support throughout the school day.

Multi-Categorical - Available at All Schools

- Eligibility determined by IEP Team based on individual needs
- Students supported through multi-categorical programs are served at neighborhood schools or school of choice school
- Students spend the majority of their day being educated with their non-disabled peers
- Services vary based on individual needs and are determined by the IEP
- Services are designed to meet student needs and student progress in academics, communication, social/emotional, behavioral, and functional skills