



## Multi-Categorical Program

The Multi-Categorical program is designed to meet the needs of students who qualify with any disability defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). All disability categories and low to high service hours are served through the Multi-Categorical Program. All schools in the Poudre School District provide services to students in Multi-Categorical programming.

Multi-Categorical programming and education focus on a multitude of areas. Students in the Multi-Categorical program receive specialized instruction to meet the variety of needs that may be present. The program focuses on academic skills in literacy and mathematics that are taught in alignment with grade-appropriate content and the educational learning environment of students without disabilities. Along with academic skills, specialized instruction and support in communication, social skills, positive behavior strategies, and safety are also embedded in multi categorical programming. Blended with these are transition to postsecondary work and learning opportunities, and if needed, independent living planning with families and community resources.

Based on current data, 84% of students with disabilities in PSD are served in multi-categorical programs. Poudre School District values the inclusion of students with disabilities into the general education environment to the greatest extent possible to best meet the needs of the students; 87% of students in the multi-categorical program are in the general education environment for more than 80% of the school day.