

DES INFORMATION SEMINAR



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7 Pillars Career Academy Mission Statement

*Preparing students for global impact
by finding value in self through
perpetual service to the community.*



7 Pillars Career Academy Vision Statement

7 Pillars Career Academy with integrity and fidelity; will set the standard for educational competence, community influence and raise the bar for the power of good character.



Purpose

The function of the Department of Exceptional Students is to support and serve students with disabilities through providing appropriate instructional supports and services for a free, appropriate public education for student progress.

What does the DES team do?

- Conduct educational testing and determine eligibility for special education services in conjunction with the Department of Psychological Services
- Develop, review, and implement the Individualized Education Program (IEP) plans
- Provide a continuum of service supports to assist students in the general education curriculum in a variety of ways
- Accommodate and Modify Instruction according to IEP needs
- Lead and Facilitate Professional Development related to needs of teachers and students



Services

- Present educational information to students through Specially Designed Instructional support services
- Facilitate parent outreach and educate and support families
- Provide opportunities for student engagement in the community through programs, work training, and athletic and extracurricular assistance
- Offer specialized preschool Special Education Services through a continuum of support
- Review and provide specialized supports for autism, behavior, speech, occupational and physical therapy and many other specialized service areas



What is the IEP?

If your child receives special education and related services, it is required that he/she has an Individualized Education Program (IEP).



What the IEP Does?

The IEP will address your child's unique abilities and needs and describe how he/she will access the general curriculum.

Describes how your child learns.

Describes how your child best demonstrates what he or she is learning

Describes what teachers and service providers will do to help your child learn more effectively.

What we provide?

7 Pillars provides a myriad of educational services and supports to assist in helping students with disabilities achieve optimum success.

**A dedicated
Case Manager**

**Specialized Classroom
Services**

Accommodations

The Case Manager

A case manager is usually a special education teacher or another member of the IEP team. (This person may be a special education teacher who works directly with your child, but doesn't have to be.)



Oversees the IEP

Makes sure services and supports are being implemented for the student.



Point of Contact

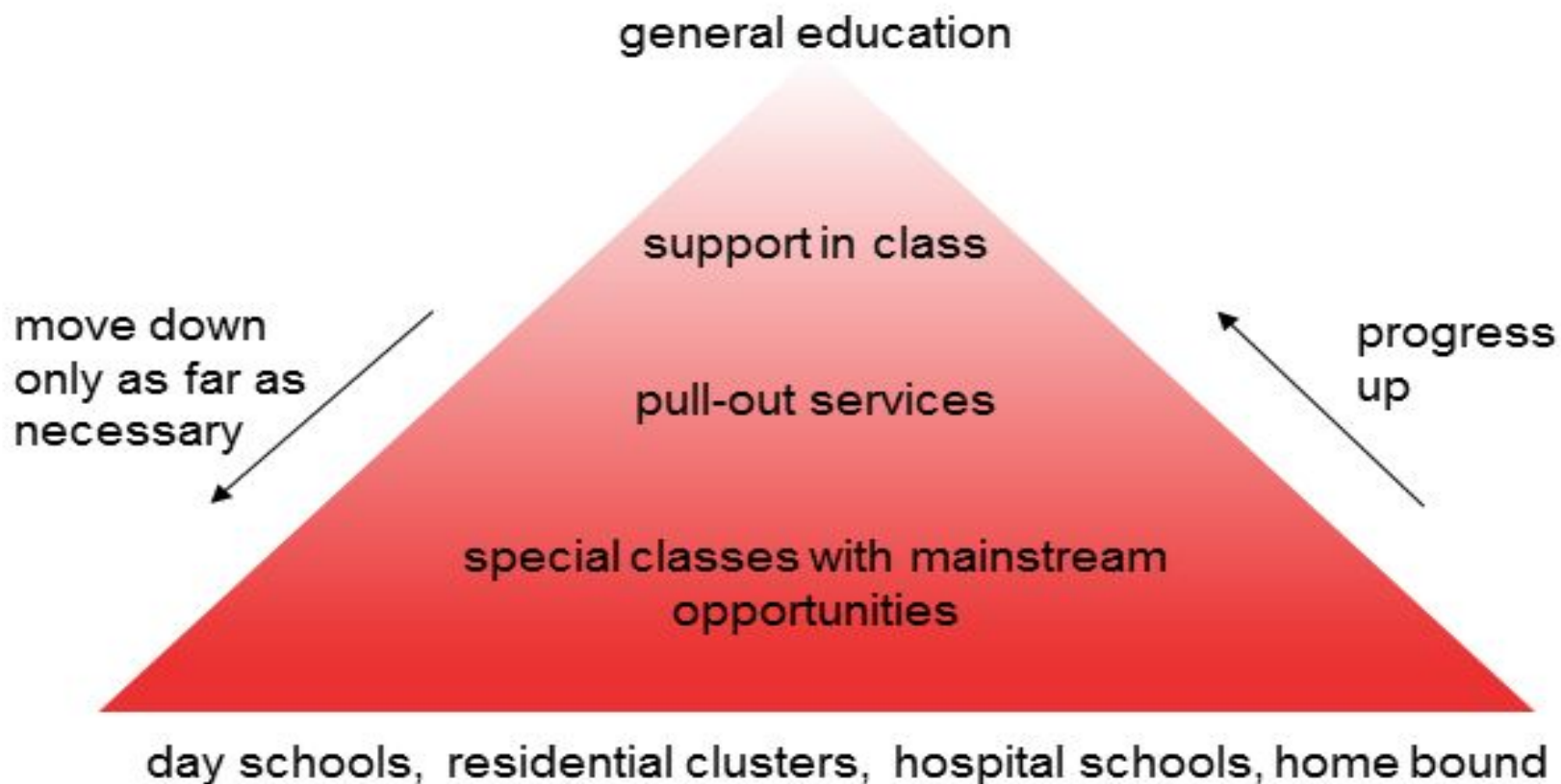
The case manager will keep you informed about your child's progress. He or she is your 1st point of contact in regards to your student's educational experience.



Teacher/School Liaison

Case managers also work with all your child's teachers and related service providers to make sure they understand the IEP.

The Continuum of Special Education Services



SPECIAL EDUCATION ACCOMMODATIONS

WRITING

Use graphic organizers in the planning phase

Record student's thoughts before beginning to write

Provide sentence starters and individual word walls

Write on a computer instead of a notebook

Use word prediction and spell-check software

HW & TESTS

- Provides directions in numbered steps
- Read directions and questions aloud
- Allow oral responses
- Limit answer choices and provide fewer questions per page
- Extend time
- Break assignment into smaller chunks

by LUMINOUS LEARNING

READING

Provide audio recording of the book

Create individualized vocabulary cards with definition + picture

Highlight or underline main idea and supporting details

Use paired reading and echo reading

Present visual anchors alongside new vocabulary words

Use word frames

MATH

Provide a calculator and/or multiplication chart

Simplify word problems and read them aloud

Use graph paper to align computation problems

Use manipulatives to make abstract objects concrete

Enlarge and highlight computation symbols

ORGANIZATION

- Have students fill out planner or calendar
- Remove unnecessary visual stimuli
- Post daily routine
- Use a checklist to track completed tasks
- Use color-coded notebooks and folders

More Examples of Accommodations

Test Accommodations

Change essay to multiple choice

No penalties for spelling errors

Different test or worksheet

Decrease the level of difficulty

Decrease number of vocabulary words

Allow use of notes

Type on computer

Give orally

Length shortened

Modify grading scale

Pacing

Extended Time

Breaks

Vary activity

Omit timed assignments

Frequent verbal checks for understanding



Thank You



The Department of Exceptional Students is proud of the support available for providing high quality education to meet the individual needs of students ages three through twenty-one who are eligible for special education and related services according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

