



Silver City, New Mexico

Special Education Department

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Special Education Services Department

The Special Education Department supports parents, teachers, related service personnel and administrative staff in the location, identification, and provision of educational services or exceptional students within the Silver City Consolidated School District. The department coordinates Child Find activities, screening and referrals, with formal educational and specialized evaluations. The department coordinates initial placements in special education instructional programs and support services throughout the district maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations. These services are provided in a variety of settings ranging from regular classroom settings with support services, resource room services, small self-contained classrooms to homebound services.

The Special Services department coordinates referral intake, formal educational evaluations, assistive technology evaluation and services, needs assessment, transportation, data collection and reporting, placement of student teachers, practicum students and interns, professional development for general and special education personnel, parent training, and the screening, selection and evaluation of Special Services staff throughout the district.

Cynthia Diggs

Director

Of Special Services

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Primary Responsibilities:

Oversees all Special Education Programs, including 3 to 4 year olds-12th grade and Gifted; Oversees Special Education Budget, projections, evaluation of Special Education Ancillary and support staff; IDEA grant, preschool, Preschool Grant, and Gifted budget.

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Special Services Programs

The district provides special services to approximately 600 exceptional students through a continuum of placement/service options. Services begin with pre-school Developmentally Delayed programs. Itinerant teachers serve students that require very few changes in regular classroom instruction. Special services teachers and related services personnel with general education classroom teachers provide integrated services in addition to pullout. Self-contained staff provides self-contained or integrated classroom services for students with moderate and severe needs.

Our program includes many opportunities for our older students to make community connections with adult providers. This program design continues to grow and has a focus on providing functional and independent living experiences training and work-study experience for students who may require extensive modification of instructional content. Upon picking basic work skills students are placed at various work-sites in the community.

The Gifted Program provides supplemental and accelerated instructional programming for students, grades k-12, whose abilities in one or more instructional areas go beyond that which can be met successfully within the student's grade level curriculum.

The Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed Program offers services to three and four year old children who are experiencing developmental delays in one or more areas of language, social, motor, or cognitive ability. Instruction is provided within a multidisciplinary model where instructors and therapists integrate instruction to serve the "Whole" child. The Head Start Program and Silver Consolidated Schools work cooperatively as well as with other community early childhood providers.

The district also identifies and services special needs students attending private school and Charter schools.

Special needs students may require related services to support and integrate their special educational program. Related services available for students qualifying for services and recommended by the IEP team are:

Audiology, assistive technology, occupational and physical therapy

Social work services, school health, special bussing, sign language interpreters

Speech/ language therapy, orientation and mobility, psychological

The Special Services Department provides assistance, support, and an array of services to children with disabilities. Parents play an integral part in the process. Parent trainings and counseling are provided to parents through the IEP process; however these and additional services and support are at no cost to the parent.

Please refer to these related Web Sites or links for additional special education information:

Ped.state.nm.us

To see the Federal Law on Special Education

To see the State Laws on Special Education

To see the State Regulations on Special Education

Special Services Calendar

2013-2014 School Year

Coming Soon!

