



## Special Education Division

The San Diego Unified School District is dedicated to identifying, locating and assessing all students within the district from birth to 21 years of age who may have disabilities, and providing appropriate support and/or related services to those students determined by an educational evaluation.

The District is committed to providing eligible students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education consistent with federal and state laws, including those students enrolled in private schools, wards of the state, highly mobile students with exceptional needs, etc. These services are provided based on the individual needs of the student. After a team, comprised of educational professionals and the parent(s) determine a student's unique needs and consider a variety of factors an Individual Education Program (IEP) is created. An IEP is a legal document that describes how the San Diego Unified School District provides services to a student with exceptional needs. Special Ed support and services are provided under the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA 2004\)](#).

## Supports & Services

There are a number of program teams that provide focus and direction for special education services. They also monitor the effectiveness of programs and services for students. Each program offers a continuum of program options, ranging from least to most restrictive environments. Such options include:  
General education with special education supports and services.  
Special day classes.  
Special schools.

Nonpublic schools (most restrictive placement requirements). Typically, these program options are provided to students in a general education setting. A few nonpublic schools provide programs for students who require a more restrictive environment.

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## Highlights

*As of June 30, 2015 the Special Education Division provides supports to students:*

- 14,621 number of students receiving services
- 131,252 students (2014 pre-K thru 12)
- 11% of the district students receive services.
- Every neighborhood school provides services to students within their boundary's
- Supports to sites includes a Program Manager, Project Resource Teacher, on-site personalized PD's and more

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