

WAYNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Wayne Public Schools offer special programs for students experiencing learning difficulties in the school environment, students who are limited in English language proficiency, and the exceptionally able students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability when compared to chronological peers in the Wayne School District. These special programs are administered by the Office of Special Programs and are consistent with both state and federal regulations.

The appropriate Basic Skills, NJ ASK Prep, GEPA Prep, and HSPA Prep programs are available at each of the fourteen Wayne schools to students who need additional reinforcement and support in language arts and/or mathematics content areas. These services are delivered through pull-out programs, in-class support programs, replacement programs and supplemental programs.

The Bilingual/ESL programs are available to students who have limited English proficiency at five (5) magnet schools: Kennedy, Pines Lake, and Ryerson Elementary Schools, Schuyler-Colfax Middle School, and Wayne Hills High School. Students who reside in a neighborhood school outside of these magnet school areas are provided with transportation to the magnet school for their entire school day. Students who exit the program at the end of a school year return to their neighborhood school in the fall.

The Gifted and Talented programs are available at each of the fourteen district schools. The K-5 elementary program identifies gifted and talented students in content areas and meets their needs by modifying curriculum and designing appropriate curricular differentiation and instructional adaptations. The program for district fourth and fifth grade students particularly adept in all content areas is offered in a cluster school taught by a team of teachers. The secondary 6-12 programs are subject specific. The content presented is highly sophisticated and, in some cases, accelerated in keeping with the capabilities of these students.