Special Education Services

Supporting Every Student's Success

At Culver Community Schools Corporation, we believe every student deserves opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Our Special Education Department works collaboratively with students, families, educators, and community partners to provide individualized supports and services that help students reach their full potential.

Special education services are designed to meet the unique educational needs of eligible students with disabilities and are provided in accordance with state and federal regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Our Mission

The mission of the Culver Community Schools Special Education Department is to provide high-quality, individualized educational services that empower students with disabilities to achieve academic success, develop independence, and actively participate in their school and community.

Child Find

We Are Looking for Children Who May Need Services

Culver Community Schools participates in Indiana's Child Find program. Child Find is a continuous process to identify, locate, and evaluate children who may have disabilities and need special education services.

Children may be eligible from ages 3 through 21.

Parents who have concerns regarding their child's:

- Academic performance
- Communication skills
- Behavior
- Physical development
- Social or emotional development

- Adaptive skills

Parents are encouraged to contact the Special Education Department at 574-842-3389

Referral Information

A referral for evaluation may be initiated by:

- Parents or guardians
- Teachers
- School staff
- Community agencies
- Doctor

Special Education Process

1. Referral

A concern is identified regarding a student's educational performance or development.

2. Evaluation

With parent consent, a comprehensive evaluation is conducted to determine whether the student qualifies for special education services.

3. Eligibility Conference

A multidisciplinary team reviews evaluation data and determines eligibility under Indiana and federal guidelines.

4. Individualized Education Program (IEP)

If eligible, an IEP team develops a plan that outlines goals, services, accommodations, and supports.

5. Services

Special education and related services are provided according to the student's IEP.

6. Review and Reevaluation

IEPs are reviewed annually, and reevaluations occur at least every three years or as needed.

Services and Supports

Depending on individual student needs, services may include:

- Specialized instruction
- Consultation services
- Resource support
- Inclusive classroom support
- Speech-language services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- School psychological services
- Counseling services
- Behavioral supports
- Assistive technology
- Transportation services
- Transition planning

Services are provided in the least restrictive environment appropriate for each student.

Eligibility Categories

Students may qualify for special education services under one or more disability categories recognized by Indiana and federal law, including:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf-Blindness
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disability
- Deaf /Heard of Hearing
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

Transition Services

Transition planning helps students prepare for life after high school, including:

- Postsecondary education
- Employment
- Independent living
- Community participation

Transition services are incorporated into the IEP according to Indiana requirements and individual student needs.

Parent Rights and Resources

Families are important members of the educational team. Parents have rights and protections under state and federal special education laws.

Resources available to families include:

- Procedural Safeguards Notice
- Notice of Parent Rights
- IEP Meeting Information
- Transition Resources
- Community Support Services

Parents are encouraged to participate actively in all educational planning meetings.

Procedural Safeguards:
https://www.in.gov/doe/files/Notice-of-Procedural-Safeguards-English-August-2025.pdf

IN*SOURCE:

https://insource.org/

Community Support Services:

Service Providers

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I request a special education evaluation?

Contact your child's teacher, principal, school counselor, or the district's Special Education Department to discuss concerns and begin the referral process.

Does a medical diagnosis automatically qualify a student for services?

Not necessarily. Eligibility is determined through an educational evaluation process and team decision.

Can parents attend IEP meetings?

Yes. Parent participation is a critical part of the IEP process and decision-making team.

How often are IEPs reviewed?

At least annually, with progress monitored throughout the school year.

Laws & Resources

Indiana Special Education Rules (Article 7)

Special education services in Indiana are governed by Article 7 of the Indiana Administrative Code (511 IAC 7-32 through 7-50). These regulations outline the rights of students with disabilities and their families, as well as the responsibilities of public schools in providing special education and related services.

Families are encouraged to review the Indiana Special Education Rules for information regarding:

- Child Find
- Evaluations and eligibility
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Parent participation
- Procedural safeguards
- Transition services
- Discipline procedures
- Mediation and due process rights

For additional information, please contact the Culver Community Schools Special Education Department.

Indiana Special Education Rules (Article 7)

Contact the Special Education Department

Culver Community Schools Corporation

Special Education Department
401 School Street
Culver, Indiana 46511

Phone: (574) 842-3389

For questions regarding special education services, evaluations, or student supports, please contact the district office and ask for the Special Education Department.

Accessibility Statement

Culver Community Schools Corporation is committed to ensuring that all students, families, staff members, and community members can access information and services. If you need assistance accessing materials on this website or require accommodations, please contact the district office.