

COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Communication Development (CD) Program serves children kindergarten age through eighth grade that have severe speech and/or language problems that interfere with educational progress. To implement program goals, a basic transdisciplinary team is provided for every child. The team consists of a special education teacher knowledgeable about communication development, a speech/language pathologist, and a social worker. Other team members may include a psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or nurse. The classes are in regular elementary and junior high schools so that the students receive education within the least restrictive setting. Students attend special subjects with their regular education peers. Programming may include one-to-one, small group, and large group settings.

The overall goal of the CD Program is for each student to progress in their academic subjects through the utilization of specialized speech/language techniques and strategies. Emphasis is on developing speech/language abilities consistent with other skill areas.