

The Echo School and Satellite Program

The Echo School and Satellite Program, one of the Focus Programs, serves students (aged 6 through 21) who have cognitive disabilities or multiple disabilities that significantly limit their ability to benefit from their local district school programs. The goals for the Echo School and Satellite Program are to foster the highest level of independence academically, socially, and functionally so that each student is successful in their daily environment.

The Echo School environment is a vibrant, comfortable, protective setting for supported learning with a full menu of therapy services as needed according to IEP recommendations. Echo School has a therapy pool, an accessible playground and adaptive physical education.

The Echo Satellite environments are regular education school buildings within the Echo region. Satellite students benefit from many opportunities to participate in regular education environments with peers, socially or academically.

Tier 3 Supported curricula are important to the success of the Echo School and Satellite students. The Council for Exceptional Children Life Centered Career Education curriculum and community based educational opportunities together provide students with important functional skill development in real settings. Specific transition (transition to adult life) services begin at age 14.5 with individual outcome goals. The earlier curricula and experiences lend direct support to eventual transition needs. Tier 3 supported reading, math, science and social science curricula and technology are additionally utilized by the caring, invested educators of the Echo School and Satellite Program to encourage optimal student growth and outcomes.

The Focus Programs are supported additionally by POEM (Parents of Echo Meet), the Parent organization. All Focus students' parents are encouraged to participate and may contact the Echo Focus Program office (708.596.3200) for information.