



Special Education Transition Night Elementary to Middle School



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A discussion about transition from elementary to middle school occurs for all 5th grade students during an IEP meeting.

Two possible outcomes may occur:

- If your child’s services and needs can be met at their neighborhood school, the IEP team will not name a specific middle school for your child to attend
- If you child’s services and needs cannot be met at their neighborhood school, an IEP team will name a middle school for your child to attend.

Recommendations made by the IEP team should not preclude any parent from applying for school choice

Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI)

Elementary level:

- **Learning Center (LC)** = SAI-student receives some level of special education services that are less than 50% of the day.
- **Self-Contained Classroom** = Students who receive SAI more than 50% of their day. Taught by one SAI teacher and peer group remains the same.
 - also called SDC (Special Day Class)

Middle School:

- **RSP- (Basic, Foundation)** - students receive SAI instruction students are rotating periods and peer groups may be different period to period. Student can receive SAI less or more than 50% of their day.
- **Self-Contained Classroom (SDC)**= Students who receive SAI more than 50% of their day. Taught by one SAI teacher and peer group remains the same.



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