

Children with autism present unique and challenging needs that require specific focus in their educational programs. Autism is a pervasive developmental disability, and while there are common features of autism, there is also great variability in the disorder. There are different learning techniques and environments that will be more effective for certain children with autism than for others. Therefore, it is essential that school personnel and families work closely together to identify and develop quality programs to address the individual needs of each child. Currently, Kansas City Public Schools have programming for students with autism in three elementary schools and one secondary school. These classrooms utilize research based best practices for developing instruction and programming for students with autism. For additional information, contact Leigh Anne Guminger, Exceptional Education Coordinator/In District Autism Consultant at 816-418-1863 or 816-418-3900.