

# **GUAJOME PARK ACADEMY**

## **Special Education Policy**



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#### **Special Education and Other Special Circumstances**

Identified Special Education students may take an alternative course of study as specified in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) to meet state and local graduation requirements for a diploma. Additionally, within the guidelines of the IEP, if a student with a disability does not meet all state and local requirements for earning a high school diploma, then the local education agency may award the student a certificate of completion in lieu of the traditional diploma.

Guajome Park Academy (GPA) provides Special Education Instruction to grades K-12 in accordance with the IDEIA, Education Code requirements and applicable policies and practices of the SELPA. GPA is an independent public charter school of the Vista Unified School District, so students at GPA are enrolled in

the same manner as is provided to the students in other District schools. GPA follows the District and SELPA policies and procedures and utilizes SELPA forms in seeking and identifying students who may qualify for Special Education programs and services. Following the guidelines of Response to Intervention, the Special Education program works closely with general education staff to monitor and follow the needs of students who are struggling academically.

The special education program at GPA is structured to meet the needs of students as outlined by IDEIA and their IEP. GPA's focus centers on the students with total staff collaboration and home/school communication. Support in these three areas best serves the needs of Special Education students, general education staff and home. To meet the needs of all students, Education Specialists, a School Psychologists, Instructional Assistants, Speech and Language Pathologist, Autism Consultant, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, Assisted Technology specialist, all service Guajome's campus needs. Additional professionals are available if needed, based on the students IEP.

Special Education students at GPA are participants in all of the GPA educational programs including but not limited to the IB Diploma Program, Advance Placement (AP), and college-preparatory program. It is important that students have the opportunity to fully participate at their grade level in core curriculum and in accelerated programs. GPA staff, to include counselors, teachers, IB and AP Coordinators, and Special Education Coordinator work hand in hand with students and their families to help students in their need to access curriculum and assessments per guidelines prescribed by the IB Organization and the College Board. Special and general education staff monitors student performance outcomes and provide the accommodations outlined in the student's IEP. Added support is available in study skills classes and is based on the needs of the individual student as indicated on each IEP.