

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### My student is in a specialized program. Do I have to register my student in their Area specialized program?

No, the Special Education department will place your child in the Area specialized program and provide transportation to that school if it is over a half-mile (for K-5 students), over one mile (for Grades 6-12 students), or if your child requires Special Education transportation.

### How can I determine if my child is in a resource or specialized program?

Visit [specialed.spps.org](http://specialed.spps.org) for more information about resource and specialized programs.

### What do I do if I don't know which specialized program my child is in?

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### My student currently is in Special Education, but not for more than 60% of the day. Does he have to go to the designated Area Special Education specialized program?

No, if your student is in Special Education for only part of the day, but not more than 60% of the day, then you may apply to any school in your Area and receive transportation.

### What if my student is in a specialized program and I want my student to go to another specialized program outside of the Area I live in?

If you want to have your student attend a specialized program outside of your Area, the following process will apply:

- You will have to go into the online and apply to another school.
- You will have to go through the same criteria as the other students in SPPS.
  - Student Placement will determine if space is available in the General Education classroom
  - Student Placement and the Special Education office will determine if space is available in the specialized program
- Your child will not be eligible for Special Education transportation. If you apply to a specialized program outside of your Area and you cannot provide your own transportation, the district will reassign your student to your Area specialized program.
- If you apply and are accepted and you do not require Special Education transportation, then you will be notified that you have been accepted in the specialized program.

### What if my student is in a specialized program and I want my student to attend a school without a specialized program in the Area I live in?

If your student's IEP requires a specialized program and you apply to a school without the program, you will not be accepted at that school. The Special Education department is obligated to follow the IEP. You must attend a school that has a specialized program.

### What if my student is in a specialized program and I want them to attend a district-wide magnet school outside my Area?

If your student is in a specialized program and you want them to attend a district-wide magnet school, you will only be accepted if your student's specialized program is available at the district-wide magnet school. Since you are going outside of your Area, Special Education transportation will not be available to your student. Special Education transportation is only available to students within their Areas.

### When will transportation be provided to my student in Special Education?

Transportation will be provided to students who qualify for Special Education or are over the half-mile limit (for K-5 students) or are over the one mile limit (Grades 6-12 students). Special Education transportation will not be provided if a parent chooses to go outside of their Area.

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Special Education Department  
651-767-8321

Early Childhood Intervention Services  
651-744-8094

Special Education Advisory Council  
651-767-3437

Special Education Liaison  
651-767-3437

Ombudsperson  
651-767-8394

Student Placement  
651-632-3773

Student Health and Wellness  
651-767-8385

Transportation  
651-696-9600

## RESOURCES

Pacer Center  
952-838-9000  
[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

ARC Greater Twin Cities  
952-920-0855  
[www.arcgreatertwincities.org](http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org)

MN Department of Education  
651-582-8200  
[www.education.state.mn.us](http://www.education.state.mn.us)

MN Disability Law Center  
612-332-4668  
[www.midmnlegal.org](http://www.midmnlegal.org)

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES & PARENT GUIDE

Learn how Saint Paul Public Schools *Strong Schools, Strong Communities* strategic plan impacts Special Education services



SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
PROUDLY SERVES 6,850 STUDENTS

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Saint Paul Public Schools looks forward to meeting your child's Special Education needs. As we move into the third year of the implementation of *Strong Schools, Strong Communities*, our families will experience some changes in programming. After reviewing this document, please feel free to contact the Special Education department with your questions. Phone numbers can be found on the back of this pamphlet.

## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUR STUDENT

For all families in Special Education, transportation will be provided to programs in your Area. If the parent chooses to go outside of their Area, transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.

If your child is in a **specialized program**, you will have a designated program location within your Area. Parents who want to choose a specialized program outside of their Area, can do so through the application process:

- The parent will need to contact the Special Education department requesting their choice for an out-of-area specialized program.
- The Special Education department will work with the Student Placement Center to determine if both the Special Education and General Education programs requested have spaces available.
- The parent also has to agree to transport their student to the new program if accepted.

If your child is in a Special Education program and is in a **resource program**:

- You can apply and receive transportation if accepted to any school in your Area. Use the "School Finder" tool on our website to find a school in your Area.
- You can apply to a school outside of your Area, however, you will have to provide your own transportation.
- You can apply to a district magnet and are eligible to receive transportation. However, if your child requires Special Education transportation, you will need to provide your own transportation.

To find special education programs in your Area, look at the chart on page 2.

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

LD= Learning Disability, EBD= Emotional Behavioral Disorder, DCD M/M= Developmental Cognitive Disability Mild/Moderate, DCD S/P= Developmental Cognitive Disability Severe/Profound

AREA A		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Lower	PreK-4	•					
Frost Lake	K-5	•	•				•
Hazel Park Preparatory	PreK-8	•	•	•	•		
The Heights Community School	PreK-5	•		•	•		
L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion	K-5	•					
Nokomis Montessori North	PreK-5	•				•	
Phalen Lake Hmong Studies	PreK-5	•					
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper	Grade 8 Only						•
Hazel Park Preparatory	PreK-8	•	•	•	•		
Parkway Montessori	6-7	•	•			•	•
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Johnson	9-12		•	•	•	•	•
AREA B		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
American Indian Magnet	PreK-8	•	•			•	
Battle Creek Elementary	K-5	•	•			•	
Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus	PreK-5	•	•				
Eastern Heights	PreK-5	•	•	•	•		
Highwood Hills	PreK-5	•	•				•
Nokomis Montessori South	PreK-5	•				•	
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
American Indian Magnet	PreK-5	•	•			•	
Battle Creek Middle	6-8	•	•	•	•		•
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Harding	9-12	•	•	•	•	•	•
AREA C		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Bruce F. Vento	K-5	•	•				•
Farnsworth Aerospace Lower	K-5	•	•				
John A. Johnson Achievement Plus	PreK-5	•	•				•
Saint Paul Music Academy	PreK-5	•				•	
Mississippi Creative Arts	K-5	•		•			
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Farnsworth Aerospace Upper	6-8	•	•	•	•		•
Open World Learning Community	7-12	•					
Washington Technology	6-8	•	•			•	
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Washington Technology	9-12	•	•	»	»	•	•
AREA D		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Cherokee Heights	PreK-5	•	•			•	
Riverview West Side School of Excellence	K-5	•					
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Humboldt Secondary	6-8	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Humboldt Secondary	9-12	•	•	•	•	•	•

AREA E		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Chelsea Heights	K-5	•		•			
Como Park Elementary	PreK-5	•	•	•	•	•	
Crossroads Montessori	PreK-5	•	•				
Crossroads Science	PreK-5	•	•				
Galtier	PreK-5	•	•				
Hamline	K-5	•	•				•
St. Anthony Park	K-5	•	•				
Wellstone	PreK-5	•	•				•
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Murray	6-8	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Como Park	9-12	•	•	•	•	•	•
AREA F1		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Barack and Michelle Obama	PreK-5	•	•				•
Benjamin E. Mays	K-6	•	•			•	
Capitol Hill Gifted & Talented	1-8	•	•				
Four Seasons Arts+	PreK-5	•	•				
Groveland Park	K-5	•	•				
JJ Hill Montessori	PreK-5	•	•				
Jackson Preparatory	PreK-5	•	•				
Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower	K-3	•	•	•	•		
Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper	PreK; 4-8	•	•	•	•		
Maxfield	PreK-5	•	•				•
Randolph Heights	PreK-5	•	•				
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Capitol Hill Gifted & Talented	1-8	•	•				
Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper	4-8	•	•	•	•		
Ramsey	6-8	•	•				•
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Central	9-12	•	•	•	•	»»»	•
Creative Arts	7-12	•	•				
AREA F2		Resource Programs		Specialized Programs			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Grade	LD	EBD Resource	DCD M/M	DCD S/P	Autism (ASD)	EBD III
Adams Spanish Immersion	K-5	•	•				
EXPO for Excellence	PreK-5	•	•			•	
Highland Park	K-5	•	•				
Horace Mann School	K-5	•	•				
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>							
Highland Park Middle	6-8	•	•			•	
<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>							
Highland Park	9-12	•	•	»»	»»	•	•

**Districtwide programs:** Bridgeview (DCD), Rivereast (EBD/Mental Health), Como Elementary (lift bus only) Journeys 9-12 (EBD), FourSeasons (Deaf and Hard of Hearing), Humboldt (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

**Please note:** Programs are not necessarily available at all grade levels the building serves.

# SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT MAP

