

Cohasset Middle School & Cohasset High School

Special Education 2021-2022 Information

Co-Taught Classrooms: Grade 6, 7, and 8 Mathematics and English Co-taught class sections are the instructional arrangement in which a general education teacher and a special education teacher deliver core instruction along with specialized instruction, as needed, to a diverse group of students in a single physical space. Placement in co-taught classrooms is determined at IEP Team Meetings.

- The co-taught model at CMS was jump started in 2017 and has expanded since.
- Students access the general curriculum with accommodation and supports from both teachers.

Grade Level	Co-Teachers
6	ELA- Samantha Lapanne and Cailyn McLaughlin Math- Samantha LaPanne and Debbie Hathaway
7	ELA- Stephanie Fagan and Catherine Duggan Math- Stephanie Fagan and John Maher
8	ELA- Nick Sullivan and Donna Melia Math- Chelsea Bracchi, Erin Foley, and Amy Gallagher

Learning Center

6th Grade- Ms. LaPanne

7th Grade- Ms. Fagan

8th Grade- Ms. Bracchi and Mr. Sullivan

- “Learning Center” class periods at Cohasset Middle School are designed to provide a range of services to special education students with various mild to moderate disabilities.
- Learning Centers include, but are not limited, to direct, specialized instruction in reading, mathematics, and written language and other identified IEP goals.
- Students are provided with academic support and assistance in developing organizational, executive function, and study skills.
- Students may receive Speech/Language, Occupational Therapy, or Counseling Services during this scheduled class period.

The Language Based Learning Center- Deb D'Alessandro

- The Language Based Learning Center serves special education students of average cognitive abilities with specific learning disabilities in one or more of the basic perceptual processes involved in understanding or using written or spoken language.
- Instruction and information are presented in a highly structured, organized manner, using oral and visual methods to support comprehension development and to emphasize key concepts and main ideas
- Students in this program also participate in a skills support class (Learning Center), where reading, writing, spelling, and oral language strategies are explicitly taught and reinforced across the curriculum domains to facilitate continuity, generalization, and internalization.

The Intermediate Learning Center (ILC)- Mark Eagles

The ILC Program provides services to special education students with cognitive and/or developmental impairments with associated delays in communication, language, social, and/or neurological abilities.

Students are included in general education classes for other content areas such as social studies and science, with curriculum materials modified to meet their personal needs. Students in the program participate in MCAS either through the standard assessment with accommodations or through an alternate assessment.

Students' academic skills are below grade level and require content modifications (changes) in addition to accommodations.

Educational Support Personnel (ESPs)

ESPs are in general education classrooms to support students on IEPs

ESP Support is identified at IEP meetings and is a special education service

ESPs provide accommodations to students (e.g., small group for tests, read aloud, clarify directions, attention cues)

ESPs are a vehicle for to inform special education teachers on student progress, missed work, work to be completed.

Cohasset High School

Our Co-Taught Model continues at Cohasset High School:

Heather Pakstis- Grade 9 ELA Co-Teacher, Learning Center Teacher

Suzanne Schaub- Grade 10 ELA Co-Teacher, Learning Center Teacher

Michael Hogan- Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry Co- Teacher, Learning Center Teacher

The AIMS (Academic and Individual Multi-Support Learning Center- Lisa Capobianco

- A continuation of the CMS ILC program- Small group ELA and Mathematics classes where students receive a modified curriculum are a part of student's schedules, outside of the general education setting.
- Students are supported in general education classes by ESPs
- Students receive assistance with transition and post-secondary planning- a developing internship program has started this school year

Related Service Providers at CMS and CHS

CMS	CHS
Meghan Greaney- School Psychologist	Caitlin Stromberg- School Psychologist
Emily Manewal- School Adjustment Counselor	Leanne McCarthy- School Adjustment Counselor
Maureen Berry- Speech-Language Pathologist	
Meaghan O'Connor- Occupational Therapist	