



Functional PROGRAM

PALOS SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

METHODOLOGY

STRUCTURED TEACHING

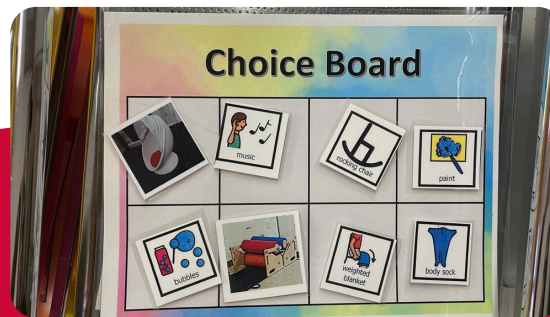
HIGHLY STRUCTURED
ENVIRONMENT, WORK SYSTEMS,
VISUAL SUPPORTS

VERBAL BEHAVIOR

BUILDS ON A STUDENTS'
MOTIVATION TO TEACH
MEANINGFUL AND FUNCTIONAL
LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION
TO THE STUDENT

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TEACHING

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES | IN-THE-
MOMENT TEACHING | SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL LEARNING | OPPORTUNITIES
IN NATURAL, OCCURRING SITUATIONS



The Functional program serves students grades K-5 with significant academic, social, and functional needs who require a more structured environment to make progress in the curriculum. The functional program offers a small class size and staff to student ratio.

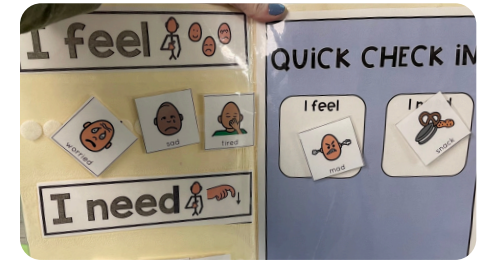
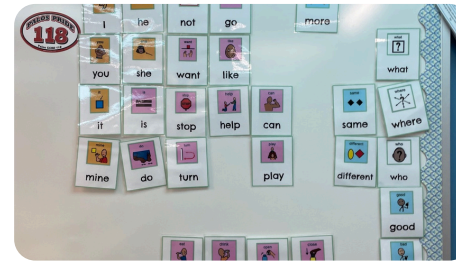


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GRADES K-3RD

PALOS WEST ELEMENTARY

12700 S 104TH AVE, PALOS PARK, IL 60464



GRADES 4TH-5TH

PALOS EAST ELEMENTARY

7700 W 127TH ST, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students are provided instruction focusing on communication, language, social and self-management skills, self-help skills, and prevocational skills.

A unique combination of modified core curriculum and alternative programs are created based on the needs of the individual learner.

Instruction is provided across multiple contexts, staff members, and settings, which include whole group, small group, one-on-one centers, and structured independent work stations to facilitate generalization of skills.

The functional classroom staff strive to help facilitate positive interactions and friendships with our students' non-disabled peers. The classroom develops partnerships with general education classrooms to plan inclusive activities. In addition to activities within the general education environment, peer buddies join the functional class to participate and assist the students in classroom activities.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- General education peer buddies
- Community outings
- Participation in and exposure to school-wide activities and assemblies

RELATED SERVICES

All students within the functional program receive related services in the areas of speech and language, social work, occupational therapy, and adaptive physical education. In addition, individual students may receive additional therapies based on the student's IEP.

Service delivery for therapy is integrated in the classroom, as well as during one-on-one centers, small group, and whole group.