

# Types of Support

## Autistic Support

Autistic Support programs are for students who have a developmental disability that significantly affects verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and educational performance. Students with autism spectrum disorders vary in their need for school support. Inclusion in regular education is always the starting point for the consideration of a school-based program and specialized programming is then provided to meet individual student needs. Itinerant, supplemental, and full-time autistic support is available to students K-12. These services are provided at Asbury Elementary, Belle Valley Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Grandview Elementary, Tracy Elementary, Westlake Middle School, JS Wilson Middle School, McDowell Intermediate High School, and McDowell High School.

Autistic Support classrooms at MTSD offer a variety of teaching methods to help students learn. Some of these feel and look like games, but students are learning or building on concepts that will help them with everyday life. The student in this picture was playing a board game that involved earning and spending "money." They had a blast learning to make change of different amounts!



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