



To: Homeschool Families

From: Michelle Cuka, Director of Student Support Services

Re: Special Education Services Offered by Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

State and federal laws mandate that every school district must offer and provide special education and related services to eligible students placed by their parents in nonpublic schools. In Minnesota, homeschools are classified as nonpublic schools.

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools collaborates with nonpublic schools to identify students from birth who may require special education services. This process, known as "child find," is a legal requirement under both state and federal regulations. To determine if a student needs special education and related services, a comprehensive evaluation must be conducted by the school district's special education team. This initial evaluation is typically performed on the premises of the public school by a certified special education evaluation team.

If homeschooled students are found to meet the criteria for special education services, the district team will work with the family to develop an individualized education plan (IEP). In most cases, services are provided at the public school.

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools offers specially designed instruction and programs for students with special learning needs. We take pride in the quality of our staff and our commitment to delivering appropriate, research-based instruction tailored to each student. We are dedicated to nurturing the skills and potential of every student we serve.

For inquiries regarding a potential educational evaluation, please contact Michelle Cuka at 952-226-0033 or email her at mcuka@plsas.org.

For more information, please visit the Student Support Services section on our district website at <https://www.plsas.org/about-us/departments/student-support-services>. (or go to the plsas homepage click on "about us" then select "departments" then select "student support services.")