



Elementary School

DESTINY PROGRAM

Kerkstra Elementary School in District 142
14950 Laramie Ave. Oak Forest, IL

Academic

- Students at our elementary school level are engaged in academic instruction throughout their school day. In our DESTINY classrooms you can expect to see English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Social Skills, Classroom Jobs, and Daily Living Skills instruction happening regularly. We use a variety of instructional formats such as whole group instruction, small group instruction, and centers to meet the needs of our students. Our teachers are excellent at differentiating instruction to challenge each student at their current ability level. Two of the primary instructional resources used in the DESTINY Program are Unique Learning System and OATECA.

Therapeutic

- Adapted Physical Education
 - Our elementary school has access to an Adaptive Physical Education teacher five days a week. Based on your child's needs and their IEP, your child may participate in APE exclusively or in combination with general education PE classes. In APE students have access to more direct skill building support adapted to their ability levels. There is a high staff to student ratio with adapted activities and materials for meaningful participation.
- Integrated Therapy Model
 - In the DESTINY Program we believe that the best way to provide services to our students is by utilizing the integrated therapy model. In this model we provide wrap-around support to your child based on the therapies they receive through their IEP. Our therapists engage in push-in, pull-out, and group service delivery models to ensure that each child receives therapies in a way that will promote success in the school setting. Our classroom teams follow through with methods taught by the therapists to provide support to students throughout their school day including times when the therapists themselves are not present.
- Offices on Site
 - Our elementary school has two speech pathologists that support the students at this site. These students also have regular access to social work support, occupational therapy, and physical therapy, as well as a program nurse who is dedicated to providing care to our four elementary school classrooms.

Social

- Our four elementary classrooms are PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) classrooms! Our DESTINY Program follows our three main expectations. Our students are always doing their best to Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Social skills instruction is a regular part of DESTINY programming.
- DESTINY students in our elementary school programming have the opportunity to engage with their general education peers through day to day interaction in the school building as well as activities planned between partner classrooms such as reading buddies. In addition, students at our elementary school level are given the opportunity to participate in classes with their general education peers, as appropriate and determined by their IEP. Those classes most frequently include Art, Music, and PE.

Arrival and Bus Unloading 8:35-8:50
Classes Begin 8:50
(Early Childhood AM Session Dismisses at 11:20)
Classes End 3:05
Bus Loading 3:05-3:15