



We believe that every kid can achieve and be successful with the right kinds of supports, opportunities, and high expectations.”

**- Dr. Aleisha Rodriguez,
Chief of Student Support Services**

Student Support Services at Excellence Community Schools focuses on special populations. The department collaborates with the NYCDOE Committee on Special Education and the ECS network to equip leaders, teachers, staff, and parents with the knowledge and strategies to ensure students in K-8 classrooms have equal opportunities to learn regardless of the barriers they face. We strive to enhance academic and social-emotional growth for all students.

DEPARTMENT SERVICES

- Special Education
- Inclusive instruction for English Language Learners (ELL)
- 504 Plans for scholars with medical diagnoses
- Intervention for academic behaviorally at-risk scholars
- Support for scholars facing barriers
- Program placement and related services
- Support for teachers, specialists and school Leaders
- Coaching and professional development
- Scholar study and classroom observations
- Family workshops and community-based organization (CBO) referrals



What We Believe

- Every child is different.
- Learning should be challenging, engaging, and accessible.
- Early preparation is important.
- A caring community builds personal skills.

HOW WE SUPPORT SCHOLARS

We use a three-tiered approach to remove barriers to learning:

- *Tier 1: Schoolwide Supports*
- *Tier 2: Targeted Small-Group Interventions*
- *Tier 3: Intensive Individualized Support*

All of the supports offered by Student Support Services are inclusive. We collaborate with teachers, leaders, families, FACE, and outside partners.

We are excited to announce the expansion of our Special Education program!

At Excellence Community Schools, we are committed to meeting the diverse learning needs of every scholar. In addition to our current Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) classrooms, we are expanding our special education services to include 12:1 and 12:1:1 co-ed classroom settings at our campus located at 192 East 151st Street, Bronx, NY 10451.

These smaller and more supportive classroom environments are designed for scholars who benefit from individualized instruction, increased teacher attention, and specialized learning supports.

If any families are interested in learning more about our 12:1 or 12:1:1 special education classrooms, please scan the QR code or go to excellenceschool.org/SPED to fill out a form.

