WILL STAFF KNOW HOW TO USE AND PROGRAM THE DEVICE MY CHILD USES TO COMMUNICATE?

Speech-language pathologists have experience in working with many of the common communication apps. In addition, they have experience in assessing and determining apps that best student individual student needs. Speech-language pathologists collaborate frequently with teachers, classroom staff and families to provide training, editing and device upkeep. Additionally, our assistive technology specialists are available to consult with other needs that might fall outside of the teams individual scopes of practice.

DO YOU HAVE A CAFETERIA? WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

CES has a small cafeteria at the 40 Oakview campus. Breakfast and lunch are provided daily, in conjunction with the Bridgeport Schools Nutrition Center. The menu is subject to sudden changes; information can be found on the Bridgeport Nutrition Center website. Parents can send in lunch or food items if their child has special dietary needs. Parents can also discuss any dietary restrictions for their child with the classroom teacher and school nurses, so that cooking activities within the class are appropriate and meaningful.

ABOUT C.E.S.

Cooperative Educational Services is a public educational authority pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 10-66 and is one of six Regional Educational Service Centers in the state. The agency is governed by a Representative Council made up of Board of Education members from the 16 Fairfield County school districts served by CES: Bridgeport, Darien, Easton/Redding/Region 9, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Ridgefield, Shelton, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

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OAKVIEW MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

A Cooperative Educational Services School

A regional Special Education program for ages 12-18 serving students with developmental disabilities





WHAT RELATED SERVICES AND SPECIALS ARE AVAILABLE?

Social work, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy are available based on the student's educational need and Individualized Education Plan. Many services are embedded into the classroom as well as approached from an age-appropriate and functional perspective. Specials, in a traditional sense, include art, music, gym, and the fitness room.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM HOURS?

During the academic year, the school day is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN A CLASSROOM?

There are a maximum of 7 students per classroom. Each classroom has one Special Education Teacher, one Educational Instructor, and at least one Instructional Aide. The number of Instructional Aides per classroom depends on the students' level of need.

WHAT ABOUT WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS, DELAYS AND EARLY DISMISSALS?

CES uses a phone notification system, as well as emails for inclement weather announcements. Announcements will also be made under "Cooperative Educational Services" on the following radio and TV stations or websites if our school-based programs are closed or on delayed opening due to inclement weather:

HOW DOES TRANSPORTATION WORK?

Transportation is a PPT decision and is under the auspice of the district. Some districts transport students in cars, vans, or mini-buses. Other districts contract with CES to provide transportation.





HOW ARE CLASSROOMS STRUCTURED?

Each classroom is configured by age and developmental stage (academic, social, behavioral, and cognitive areas). Classrooms will be closely aligned in their focus to meet student needs and development.

HOW DO I COMMUNICATE WITH THE TEACHER?

Communication between home and school is a valuable piece of understanding our students and their needs/emotional state. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the staff on a regular basis through a daily communication notebook that goes between school and home. Parents and staff can also communicate by phone, email or in person. We offer an Open House in September, mid-year conferences in January, and annual PPT meetings.

IS THERE AN EXTENDED SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM IN THE SUMMER?

The Extended School Year-Summer Session begins the first week of July. The Extended School Year is approximately 5 weeks long during the summer and hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Breakfast and lunch are provided in summer as they are during the school year since we are able to continue our food program with Bridgeport Schools Nutrition Center.



