

Special Education Services at Middle School

All middle schools in Pasadena Unified have a Resource Specialist Program (RSP).

- RSP is for special education students that are in the general education class for the majority of their day.
- The special education teacher generally works with the student for a limited amount of time, often pushing into the general education classroom, or assisting the student during a homeroom/advisory period.

All middle schools in Pasadena Unified have Specialized Academic Instruction classes, which are referred to as SAI classes.

- These classes are for the core subjects which would be English, Math, History and Science. These classes are for our mild to moderate students.
- SAI classes have smaller class sizes and are taught by a special education teacher.
- SAI classes are still using grade level curriculum, if the Special Education student is in 6th grade, they will receive the same curriculum that a 6th grade general education student would receive.
- Students can be enrolled in 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the SAI classes.

The IEP team would determine how many of these classes are appropriate for the student based on their IEP.

Related Services

All related services, such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language, Assistive Technology, Adaptive Physical Education, Counseling, etc., are provided at all middle schools throughout the district.

PUSD also has a moderate-to-severe program at Eliot, Sierra Madre Middle, and Marshall middle schools.

- These classes are taught by a special education teacher.
- The students in this program are receiving Functional Skills curriculum and generally are working towards a certificate of completion as opposed to a high school diploma.

Transition IEP

All elementary students and families will have a transition IEP meeting where these services are discussed in greater detail. These transition meetings tend to happen towards the end of the school year, usually beginning in April.

- Parents are encouraged to reach out to their child's case manager to get more information or they can also reach out to our office to get any specific information.
- Parents are encouraged to go through the Open Enrollment process if they are looking to attend a school other than their school of residence.