

# What is Special Education?

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Susquehanna Community School District  
Susquehanna, Pennsylvania

# Special Education



# Special Education

## IS

- A service
- A right for those eligible
- Provided under the law

## IS NOT

- A place
- A person

# Types of Special Education Support

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*No support is more or less restrictive than another*

## Learning Support

- Academic Focus
- Small group instruction
- Push in supports
- Testing accommodations

## Life Skills Support

- Functional Focus
- Small group or individual instruction
- Modified curriculum
- Modified assessments

## Autistic Support

- Communication and Social Focus
- Small group or individual instruction

## Emotional Support

- Behavior and Emotional Regulation Focus
- Small group or individual instruction
- Push In Supports

## Speech and Language Support

- Communication Focus
- Small group or individual instruction
- Targeted intervention

## Multiple Disabilities Support

- Functional Focus
- High Staff to Student Ratio
- Modified curriculum

## Vision Support

- Vision Focus
- Intervention and support
- Preteaching and reteaching

## Hearing Support

- Hearing Focus
- Intervention and support
- Preteaching and reteaching



# Gifted Support

- Extension and enrichment

# Related Services

## Stand Alone Services

- Speech and Language
- Vision
- Hearing

## Supplemental Services

- Orientation and Mobility
- Occupational Therapy
- Adapted Physical Education

# Amount of Special Education Support

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Itinerant

more than

**80%**

Supplemental

between

**20 - 79%**

Full Time

less than

**20%**

of the day spent in general education

# Least Restrictive Environment Calculation

Number of Minutes in the School Day: 420 minutes

Number of Minutes in the School Week: 2,100 minutes

## STEP ONE:

(minutes in the school week) - (minutes in special education per week) = (minutes in general education per week)

## STEP TWO:

(minutes in general education per week)

\_\_\_\_\_ X 100 = (percentage of time in general education)

(minutes in the school week)

# Least Restrictive Environment Calculation

## EXAMPLE:

30m math per day    80m reading per day    60m speech per week                      **610 minutes in special education per week**

**2,100** (minutes in the school week) - **610** (minutes in special education per week) = **1490** (minutes in general education per week)

**1,490** (minutes in general education per week)

\_\_\_\_\_ x 100 = **70.95%** (percentage of time in general education)

**2,100** (minutes in the school week)

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# Least Restrictive Environment

The lowest level of support required to make meaningful progress on individual and grade level goals.

This does not mean all students must receive an itinerant level of support.

Some students require more intensive interventions, including supports not available in the public school environment.

It is the school's responsibility to ensure that the student is educated in the least restrictive environment with appropriate supplementary aids and services.