



Intensive Resource Room Classroom Overview

Student Profile: Students who experience difficulties in adaptive, social, communication and academic skills related to Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or mild cognitive impairment.

Class Size: Maximum of 15 students.

Staff: 1 Teacher; 1 classroom assistant up to 15 students.

Support Services: In class Speech and Language Services, Social Skills Class with the School Social Worker and School Psychologist; Occupational Therapy Services.

Structure: This language based classroom will offer periods of daily *direct* instruction to include, but not limited to:

1. **Communication:** This class will concentrate on functional communication skills. (This would include, but not be limited to: listening; following basic directions; understanding functional basic linguistic concepts; answering questions). Instruction and practice will be provided. This class will also utilize assistive technology when deemed necessary to provide training to students in order to promote communication function, social communication skills and independence.
2. **Social Skills Class:** Social Skill instruction will include, but not be limited to interacting with others; conversation skills; perspective taking to assist students' participation in all aspects of the school day. Direct instruction will focus on coping; problem solving; listening; appropriate interactive skills; interpersonal skills; personal space; taking turns; decision making; suitable expression of feelings while promoting independence.
3. **Sensory time:** Sensory instruction and access to sensory breaks will be based on the student's individual needs.
4. **Adaptive Skills:** The students will learn to efficiently navigate the classroom and school environments; effectively organize and manage their time through the use of evidence based practices such as visuals/visual schedules, etc. Instruction will focus on positive work habits to promote self care, socialization and independence.

Students on the program teacher's caseload are provided with accommodations to promote success in the general education setting.



AI/CI Intensive Resource Room Eligibility Flowchart

