Exceptional Student Education
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Orange County Public Schools

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What is Exceptional Student Education?

Exceptional Student Education is specially designed instruction and related services that are provided to students with disabilities and students who are identified as gifted.

(Florida definition)

ESE is more commonly known as Special Education.

Exceptional Student Education

Guided by:

1. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)
   - Provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is the central obligation under IDEA
   - Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
     students with disabilities must be educated with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent possible

2. Florida Statutes and State Board Rules
**Exceptional Student Education**

**Exceptional Education**
34,439 students, ages 3-21 are served by Exceptional Student Education.

**Gifted**
13,049 students are identified as Gifted students.

**Students with Disabilities**
21,390 students are identified as Students with Disabilities.

Source: FLDOE Final Survey Data – October 2015

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**ESE Program Categories**

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Developmentally Delayed (ages 3-5)
- Dual-Sensory Impaired: Deaf-Blind
- Emotional / Behavioral Disability
- Gifted
- Homebound or Hospitalized
- Intellectual Disability
- Language Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment: Blind and Partially Sighted
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**Exceptional Student Education**

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<td>37% Gifted</td>
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*Source: FLDOE Final Survey 2 Data – October 2016*

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**ESE Services and Supports**

- Diagnostic and evaluation services
- Behavior support
- Physical & occupational therapy
- Speech & language therapy
- Social/emotional services
- Special transportation
- Private and charter support
- Transition services
- Internships
- Orientation & mobility training
- Braillists
- Interpreters & auditory amplification
- Assistive technology devices
- Specialized equipment
- Curriculum support
- Interpreter services
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Florida Service Delivery Models

Collaborative Models

Out-of-Class Supports
Consultation Only

In-Class Supports
Support Facilitation
Co-Teaching

One ESE Teacher
Out-of-Class Resource
Self-Contained

LRE - Service delivery may vary throughout the day.

General Education Classroom

Alternative Location

Source: Florida Course Code Directory

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Strategic Plan

• Increased professional development
• Universal Design for Learning
• Support Facilitation
• Monitor academic and behavioral progress of Students with Disabilities (SWD)
• Review and adjust grade level transition programs
• Expand parent involvement opportunities
• Increase graduation rates/reduce drop-out rates
Resources
OCPS Exceptional Student Education
www.ese.ocps.net
Facebook Group: Exceptional Student Education OCPS
https://www.facebook.com/OCPSESE/
Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
www.fldoe.org/ese/