



# Special Education Services at Swanson

Together we make a difference!

# Welcome!

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# Life At Swanson

- We are excited to welcome your child to the Swanson community and will help them experience success in middle school.
- We value working collaboratively with you and your child.
- Your participation and input in all meetings is very important to us.

# Important to know

## Case Carriers

People who may contact you

Frequency of Meetings

Testing considerations

Accommodations & Modifications

# Case Carriers

We encourage you to work closely your case carrier.

He or she is a major advocate for your child and will keep and collect data and information about how your child is doing in class. Your child's case carrier will update you on IEP goal progress and will write your child's IEP.

# Who may contact me this year regarding meetings and/or testing?

- Your child's case carrier
- Related service providers (speech therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, other therapists)
- Student Support Coordinator: Melissa Meck
- Administrative Assistant: Ingriz Barraza



# How often will we meet?

- IEP meetings occur at least once per year and can be requested at any time by any team member.
- Re-evaluation meetings occur once every three years. (If this is a re-evaluation year for your child, you *could* meet three or more times this year.)



# Re-Evaluations

Our administrative assistant will contact you for a meeting if your child is due for a re-evaluation. The committee will work together to determine if additional data is needed in order to determine eligibility.

**\*\*Only you can authorize additional evaluations.**

# Accommodations and Modifications

Your child's IEP is implemented throughout the school day. He or she will receive required accommodations and/or modifications in all classes.

# Settings

Swanson is a comprehensive middle school that provides specialized instruction matching your child's least restrictive environment:

- Consult/Monitor with General Education staff
- General Education classrooms with Special Education support
- Small Resource Classes
- Countywide Program

# Transition Meetings

- Transition meetings have started and will continue into the Spring.
- We are invited by the elementary school to attend your child's IEP meeting.
- We meet with the team to determine how to best support your child in the middle school environment.
- Services may look different in middle school.



Enjoy your evening!



If you have any questions about Special Education at Swanson  
please contact our rising grade level administrator at  
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