

Will staff know how to use and program the device my child uses to communicate?

A Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) works directly with the students, as well as staff, in each classroom. Services may include direct speech and language instruction for students and training for staff to support use of skills throughout the day. The SLPs in the DLC program consult with the CES Assistive Technology Specialist and are familiar with a variety of Assistive and Augmented Communication options. They can provide additional training to families as needed.

How does transportation work?

Transportation is a PPT decision and is under the auspice of the district. Some districts transport students in cars, vans, or mini-buses. Other districts contract with CES to provide transportation.

Do you have a cafeteria? What if my child has special dietary needs?

CES has a small cafeteria at the 25 Oakview campus. Free breakfast and lunch are provided daily in conjunction with the Bridgeport Schools Nutrition Center. A menu is available and sent home to parents each month.

Parents can send in lunch or food items if their child has special dietary needs. Parents can also discuss any dietary restrictions for their child with the classroom teacher and school nurses, so that cooking activities within the class are appropriate and meaningful.

What related services and specials are available?

Social work, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy are available based on the student's educational need and Individualized Education Plan. Many services are embedded into the classroom as well as approached from an age-appropriate and functional perspective. Specials, in a traditional sense, include art, music, gym, and the fitness room.

What types of supports do you offer families?

Since our families come from a variety of towns, engaging with other parents is challenging. Several family events are offered throughout the year to allow families opportunities to meet and socialize. Events include a Fall Pumpkin Party, Drop off Night, Pancakes and Pajamas/Pasta Night, and a family event in the Spring. Informational sessions on different topics are offered during the year based on need and interest.



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What are the program hours?

During the academic year, the school day is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

How many students are in a classroom?

There are a maximum of 7 students per classroom. Each classroom has one Special Education Teacher, one Educational Instructor, and at least one Instructional Aide. The number of Instructional Aides per classroom depends on the students' level of need.

How are classrooms structured?

Each classroom is configured by age and developmental stage (academic, social, behavioral, and cognitive areas). Classrooms will be closely aligned in their focus to meet student needs and development.

How do I communicate with the teacher?

Communication between home and school is a valuable piece of understanding our students and their needs/emotional state. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the staff on a regular basis through a daily communication notebook that goes between school and home. Parents and staff can also communicate by phone, email or in person. We offer an Open House in September, mid-year conferences in January, and annual PPT meetings.

Do classrooms go out in the community?

Students have opportunities to participate in activities in the community to allow for opportunity to practice skills in a variety of settings. Skills worked on in the community are tied to the student's IEP (i.e. locating an item at the grocery store, paying for a purchase, walking safely in a parking lot). Students may also have opportunities for vocational training or volunteering in the community as well.



Are you able to administer medications?

At 25 Oakview Drive, there are two full-time registered nurses who deliver first aid services as well as administer medications. Should a medication be required on a daily basis, it is important to talk with the nurse and get an order form filled out by the student's doctor. Nurses also work with the family on seizure protocols and go out into the community with students as needed.

Is there an extended school-year program in the summer?

The Extended School Year-Summer Session begins the first week of July, depending on Independence Day, and ends the first week of August. The Extended School Year is approximately 5 weeks long during the summer and hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Breakfast and lunch are provided in summer as they are during the school year since we are able to continue our food program with Bridgeport Schools Nutrition Center.

What about weather-related cancelations, delays and early dismissals?

CES uses a phone notification system, as well as emails for inclement weather announcements. Announcements will also be made under "Cooperative Educational Services" on the following radio and TV stations or websites if our school-based programs are closed or on delayed opening due to inclement weather:

Radio Stations:

- WICC 600 AM and WEBE 108 FM

TV Stations:

- NBC 30/WVIT
- WFSB and WFSB 3
- WTNH Channel 8
- WWW.CTWEATHER.COM

