

J.M. Alexander and North Mecklenburg MYP Special Educational Needs Policy

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Introduction

We believe that all students should participate as fully as possible in the IB Middle Years Program. The MYP is an inclusive, holistic program designed to meet the needs of all learners. As a program, we strive to ensure that our students with special education needs are included to the fullest extent possible and that those students experience consistent academic success.

Federal, State and Local Requirements

In order to effectively meet the needs of our special education students, we adhere to the policies and practices set forth by the federal, state and local authorities for the education of exceptional children (EC). This includes:

- Implementing the accommodations stated in Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 plans.
- Providing modified tests and/or testing environments for students with special needs.
- Scheduling students appropriately in co-taught classes, learning labs, and resource classrooms as prescribed by IEPs and/or 504 plans.
- Regularly review and revise students' IEPs and 504s

J.M. Alexander and North Mecklenburg both have special education teachers. Each of these teachers is paired with regular education teachers to deliver instruction in co-taught Language Arts and Math classes. We also offer resource math and/or language arts classes when necessary. Each of our special education teachers is also assigned a caseload of students and is responsible for keeping those students IEPs up-to-date.

Additional Interventions

In addition to following federal, a state and district regulation for the education of exceptional children, the school has put in place the following interventions to support struggling learners:

- Students who are below-grade level in reading and/or math (as measured by the North Carolina End-of-Grade tests) are scheduled for additional reading or math instruction during the Academic Enrichment block.
- Students who are below grade-level and/or are in danger of failing a subject are given Personalized Education Plans (PEPs).
- Teachers offer regular tutoring sessions.
- Students whose needs are not being met by standard classroom instructional practices are referred to the schools' Intervention Teams to receive individualized interventions.

- North Mecklenburg offers an Enrichment period twice a week to remediate students need extra instruction to reach mastery.
- North Mecklenburg offers a Homework lab staffed by 11th and 12th grade IB Diploma students. Homework lab is available to all 9th and 10th graders who need extra assistance.