

Special Education Connections

Fall 2023

What is Special Education Connections?

A newsletter targeted to connect our families with news, resources, and important information for families whose children are accessing an IEP within Del Mar Union School District.

Del Mar Union School District

Our Vision: Unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

Our Mission: To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

Belief Statement: We must seize opportunities to revolutionize the traditional school system to better prepare today's students. A wise investment in time and resources will radically change and improve the school experience.



Do you have a question about our special education programming?

Click [HERE](#) to view an infographic of DMUSD's special education programs and services.

For answers to specific questions about our outstanding special education programs, please contact the Program Specialist assigned to your child's school or our Student Services Department at (858) 755-9301.

Program Specialist Assignments are as follows:

Emily Stengle, ext. 3679



- Learning Lab and Speech-Language
 - Carmel Del Mar
 - Del Mar Hills
 - Sage Canyon
 - Torrey Hills
- Social Emotional Learning Foundations (SELF)
- Private School

Leslie Montoro, ext. 3633

- Special Programs
 - Functional Life Skills (FLS)
 - Alternate Learning Curriculum (ALC)
 - Core Content Instruction (CCI)
 - Early Childhood (EC)

Dina Irwin, ext. 3676

- Learning Lab and Speech-Language
 - Ashley Falls
 - Del Mar Heights
 - Ocean Air
 - Pacific Sky
 - Sycamore Ridge

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Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

[What is the Community Advisory Committee \(CAC\).](#)

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is made up of parents, educators, and community members who are involved in special education. The CAC of the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) provides meetings and special events throughout the year and advises the superintendents of the 14 school districts about special education services. Each meeting includes information on a special education topic, resources for families, and opportunities to meet with other parents to exchange resources, information, and ideas.

Whether you are a student who qualifies for special education services, a parent or family member of a student, or a district teacher or staff person, we can help!

[CAC Meetings, Agenda and Handouts](#)

Meeting Location:

The CAC meetings are at the North County Regional Education Center, 255 Pico Avenue, San Marcos, from 6 to 8 p.m. (subject to change).

This is an informative meeting and all parents are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Parent Workshops

District Workshop

What is a SELPA?

September 28, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Ocean Air School, Library

[Please RSVP by September 25, 2023](#)

On-Demand NCCSE Trainings:

[Augmentative and Alternative Communication \(AAC\) - Basic Implementation Strategies](#)

In-Person NCCSE Trainings:

[Nuts and Bolts of the IEP Process](#)

October 6, 2023, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

De-escalating Challenging Behaviors

October 24, 2023, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Promoting Social Emotional, Communication, and Cognitive Development through Play

November 30, 2023, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

From our Directors

Welcome to the first edition of the "Special Education Connections" newsletter. We value the importance of fostering a strong partnership among our educators and parents, especially when it comes to supporting the unique needs of our students on IEPs. As such, we are excited to introduce our newsletter which has been established to maintain a meaningful connection with you throughout the school year.

We look forward to sharing valuable insights, updates, and resources with you.

Distribution List

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