

The Special Services Department at OHDELA has been established to assure that students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. The department is guided by the Individual's with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, as well as the policies and procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education.

Students with disabilities between the ages of 5 through 22 are provided with special education services after identification of one of 12 school-age disabilities recognized by the state of Ohio in an Evaluation Team Report. These disabilities include:

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment (including Deafness)
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment (including Blindness)

An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed and reviewed annually for any student with an identified disability based on State and Federal criteria. The required participants at an IEP team meeting are:

- Parent(s)/Guardians
- General Education Teacher(s)
- Intervention Specialist
- Administrator or District Representative

Students with disabilities may also qualify for Related Services, such as:

- Speech-language pathology and audiology services
- School counseling services
- Physical and occupational therapy

- School psychological services

The Special Education Department of OHDELA Schools is located at 121 S. Main St., Suite 310, Akron, OH 44305. The office can be reached by phone at (330) 920-0272.

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To reference your Procedural Safeguards, as a parent/guardian with children with a disability, go to: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/A-Guide-to-Parent-Rights-in-Special-Education>

