

Instruction

Instructional Arrangements

Learning Center

Each school shall have learning center rooms which are to be used for instruction in science, basic math, and computer concepts for grades K-6. The emphasis shall be on developing logical reasoning. The teacher working with small groups of children shall provide experience in observation, make inferences, and test conclusions.

Library Learning Center

The library learning center in each building shall house the non-classroom instructional materials used by students and teachers. The library media specialist shall teach the skills necessary for the understanding and use of the center and shall focus on the application of these skills in study and research activities. The specialist is expected to work with teachers in the development of lessons to be carried on in the center.

Speech and Hearing Therapy

Speech and hearing clinicians are to be assigned to each school to provide therapy for students with articulation deficits, problems in language development, and disorders in voice and hearing. In addition to receiving referrals for articulation therapy from teachers through the school planning and placement team, clinicians shall screen all second grade students so as to initiate speech interventions at the appropriate age.

Psychological Services and Program Administration

School psychologists shall be assigned to each school to play a significant role in evaluating and monitoring the factors, that may be contributing to a student's failure to realize academic or social potential. They shall perform psycho educational testing, observe students in class, confer with parents, and offer consultation and guidance to teachers. The psychologist shall serve as chairperson of the school planning and placement team which prescribes appropriate programs for students referred for help and which monitors each student's progress.

Teachers of the talented and gifted program shall work with small groups of students in each school who have been identified as needing a specialized program beyond what is offered in the regular classroom. They also shall offer supervised experiences in creative thinking to other students.

(cf. 6171 et seq. – Special Services)

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