

Autistic Support

Students in the Autistic Support programs are included in the general education curriculum as much as possible. If the students need support in classes we have a wonderful group of paraprofessionals to support them in class. They can help the students stay on task, check for comprehension of material, assist with behavior modification and help them navigate social situations that may be difficult for them. In addition to paraprofessional support, the students can participate in small group lunch bunches every week to help them building connections with some of their peers. Students in all grades may also attend a small-group social skills class to work on social skills, organization skills, homework skills and more.

If a student has difficulty during the school day and needs to process through a problem he/she can either meet with the Autistic Support teacher or counselor to work on the issue. Our goal in these sessions is to quickly diffuse the problem, figure out a possible solution and get back to class, with support, to finish the school day. The Autistic Support teacher then follows up with the student to check on progress.

Throughout out students' school years, our goal is always to help the students be self-sufficient, responsible, contributors to their school community and good self-advocates as they enter the world. We feel that all of our students can accomplish great things if they use their strengths to the best of their abilities.

Teacher	Support AS=Autistic ES=Emotional LS=Learning	Building Assignment
Bach, Donna	AS	High School
Barbarich, Jamie	AS	Mount Nittany Elementary
Brooks, Judy	AS	High School
Clark, Christina	LS, ES, AS	Radio Park
Cooper, Lauren	LS, ES, AS	Corl Street
Fello, Lorraine	LS, ES, AS	Delta (Hearts program)
Greene, Tina	LS, ES, AS	Delta (RIT program)
Hackman, Sara	ES, AS	Gray's Woods
Hertzler, Mike	LS, ES, AS	Delta (RIT program)
Hewitt, Keri	LS, ES, AS	Lemont
Hooper, Emily	AS, ES	Delta

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Kessinger, Eric	LS, ES, AS	Delta (RIT Middle program)
Lantz, Brenden	AS	Park Forest Elementary
Percival, Clairen	AS	High School
Rarrick, Christina	ES, AS	Mount Nittany Elementary
Ritter, Emily	ES, AS	Park Forest Elementary
Schomer, Alice	AS	High School
Simpson, Courtney	ES, AS	Easterly Parkway
Sommers, Laura	ES, AS	Mount Nittany Middle
Stover, Jessica	AS	Mount Nittany Elementary
Thomas, Susan	LS, ES, AS	Ferguson Township
Ulmer, Andrew	LS, ES, AS	Delta (Middle)
Warner, Kerri	LS, ES, AS	Houserville
Whitteker, Marisa	ES, AS	Park Forest Middle
Wilson, Tiffany	AS	Park Forest Middle