

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Special Education

Southgate Elementary follow the philosophy, standards, and practices provided by AACPS with regards to special education. We are an inclusive school which serves the needs of all students.

Recognizing special education is a journey with no true finish lines, just continuous opportunities to grow in a limitless future, the Anne Arundel County Public School System and Division of Special Education has embraced the concept of responsibility, independence and contribution in its delivery of specialized instruction for students with disabilities. The commitment to children and passion in making a difference, collaboratively, is evident in all aspects of our educational programs. In fact, it is due to the integration of services, outreach to family and community and a strong belief that all students can learn, that our students have acquired the academic, vocational and social/emotional skills needed to transition to adulthood with conviction, self-confidence and competence.

Vision

Special Education is...

The establishment of a dynamic and responsive learning community of general and special education for students with disabilities that:

- Maximizes achievement
- Promotes the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to society
- Focuses on independence, transitional success and a limitless future

The establishment of a dynamic and responsive learning community of general and special education for students with disabilities where:

- All educators are united in a common commitment and are accountable to ensuring all students succeed
- Access to general education curriculum/standards is prioritized with high expectations
- Best practices and peer-reviewed strategies (academic, social and behavioral) are incorporated in instructional deliveries, consistently assessed through data collection/analysis and monitored for effectiveness
- All stakeholders are valued