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Special Education Programs and Locations for 2017-2018

Behavior Intervention Center: Provides intensive behavioral support in a therapeutic setting for students who require high levels of behavior support, including group, individual and family mental health support. Program is a 45 day program, with academic support coming from the student's home school.

Program Location: K-5 Fairmount, 6-8 CMS

Community Transition Program: Provides transitional and functional life skill instruction and supports to students in the **16 – 21 age range** in both classroom and community settings.

Program Locations: WAHS modular and Apartment at 1524 Waverly Square, #1015

Foundational Skills Class (K-12): These programs provide specialized instruction in smaller classes for special education students who require highly individualized instruction due to significant cognitive and adaptive impairments. Academic instruction in the FSC is will supplement general education curriculum, with a focus on functional daily living skills and independence. Inclusion in general education will be emphasized; additionally, this program provides training in behavior, social and communication skills. *Program Locations: K-5 Clover Ridge, Lafayette, Oak, Timber Ridge, Sunrise, 6-8 Timber Ridge, MMS, CMS; 9-12 WAHS & SAHS*

Learning Resource Centers (K-12): Each neighborhood school has a special education learning resource program that provides specially designed instruction for students with mild to moderate disabilities. It is through these programs that approximately 85% of special education students receive services. *Program Locations: All Schools*

Social Learning Center (K-12): This program is designed for students who are significantly impacted by their ability to communicate, both functionally and socially. These classes focus on the development of communication and social skills, while increasing students' independence in a highly structured environment. It provides opportunities to increase the time spent in the regular education classroom as each student's skill level allows, ensuring a positive experience with general education staff and peers. *Program Locations: K-2 Takena, 3-5 Liberty, 6-8 Memorial MS, 9-12 West Albany HS*

Structured Support Classes (9-12): This program provides a behavioral system that fosters growth and learning through identifying the functions of disruptive and dangerous behaviors, teaching positive alternatives and personal responsibility. Behavioral support focuses on a collaborative problem solving method, and students' participation in general education increases as their ability to regulate emotions and problem solve with staff and peers increases. This program is designed to be a short term placement while behavioral skills are learned and developed, in order for the student to return to his or her neighborhood school. *Program Locations: 9-12 WAHS & SAHS*

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