



Newtown Public Schools Special Education

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Gr. 9-12 and Ages 18-21***

Integrated Preschool Program



- ★ Housed at Sandy Hook School
- ★ 3 Integrated Preschool Classrooms
- ★ 1 Preschool classroom services students with significant medical, behavioral, and or academic needs.
- ★ **District BCBA** oversees program
- ★ 2 SLP's provide services to Preschool (2 housed at Preschool Program)
- ★ .5 SLP for Kindergarten eligible Speech/Language students only. Services provided at student's home elementary school.
- ★ SLP's also consult with area private preschool programs and daycares.



PAL- Program for Adaptive Learning

- ★ Housed at Middle Gate Elementary School
- ★ The PAL program is designed to meet the individual needs of students who display significant delays in academic, social, cognitive, adaptive and communication functioning.
- ★ Supported by a Special Education teacher, BCBA and adult support.
- ★ Regular consult with related service providers, specialists and classroom teachers to promote generalization in the inclusive setting.

SEAL- Social Emotional Adjustment Learning

Housed at Hawley Elementary School

Provides a small group and/or individual instruction to students who struggle to succeed in the mainstream due to behavioral and/or social/emotional issues.

Supported by a Special Education Teacher, BCBA, RBT(registered behavioral technician), School Psychologist and adult supports.

Students range in cognitive abilities from Low Average, Average and High Average.

Instruction is individually based, however, the elementary curriculum is utilized to assist with the goal of the students attending and transitioning into the general education setting.

RISE-Reaching Independence through Structured Education



- ★ *Housed at Newtown Middle School*
- ★ *Program for students with Intellectual Disabilities and/or lower functioning individuals requiring individualized instruction, functional academics and/or vocational experiences.*
- ★ *Pre-teaching of academic, social, communication and behavioral skills.*
- ★ *Community experiences (grocery shopping for weekly functional cooking activity, etc)*
- ★ *Integration into general education/specials as outlined in the student's IEP*



Tools For Living



- ★ Tools for Living provides opportunities for students from general education to mentor and tutor their peers with disabilities on activities of daily living and life skills
- ★ General education and special education students receive credit for the course
- ★ Special education students learn functional academics which provide them the skills needed when working in the community
- ★ Provides vocational experiences



SAIL-Supportive Alternative Individualized Learning



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- ★ Housed at Newtown High School
 - ★ A specialized program for students who have not been successful in the traditional school setting due to, but not limited to, the following:
 - Social, emotional, behavioral needs
 - School refusal
 - Attendance issues
 - Need for flexible, hands-on learning environment
 - Need for enhanced academic support in an environment with a small student to teacher ratio.

SAIL ***continued...***



Staffing:

- Special Education Teacher
- Social Worker
- Full-time Paraprofessional
- BCBA (consult and services)
- Related service staff (School Psychologist, OT, PT, SLP)

NCP-Newtown Community Partnership Traditional and Hybrid Program

- ★ NCP is Newtown Public Schools 18-21 Vocational Program
- ★ Main classroom is housed at Newtown Middle School in a separate location away from Middle School Students (separate entrance and exit)
- ★ NCP transports students with purchased vans solely for program.
- ★ Program is designed to provide vocational experiences in a variety of settings (i.e. Home Goods, TJ Maxx, Nutmeg Cleaners, Better Day Cafe, etc.)
- ★ Newtown Public Schools, in collaboration with the Newtown Community Center worked together to create the [Better Day Cafe](#)
- ★ Cafe was named by NCP students
- ★ NCP facilitates all aspects of the Cafe (baking, finances, marketing, etc)

NCP continued...



- ★ Students are paid an hourly stipend
- ★ NCP is staff by a Special Education Teacher, Transition Coordinator and Job coaches
- ★ NCP Hybrid- students enrolled in this program attend Naugatuck Community College and take a college class or classes.
- ★ Newtown Public Schools supports 1 college class per semester
- ★ Hybrid students also have the opportunity to participate in vocational experiences.

