**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

My student is in a specialized program. Do I have to register my student in their Area specialized program?

No, the Special Education department will place your child in the Area specialized program and provide transportation to that school if it is over a half-mile (for K-5 students), over one mile (for Grades 6-12 students), or if your child requires Special Education transportation.

How can I determine if my child is in a resource or specialized program?

Visit specialed.spps.org for more information about resource and specialized programs.

What do I do if I don’t know which specialized program my child is in?

Visit specialed.spps.org for more information.

My student currently is in Special Education, but not for more than 60% of the day. Does he/she have to go to the designated Area Special Education specialized program?

No, if your student is in Special Education for only part of the day, but not more than 60% of the day, then you may apply to any school in your Area and receive transportation.

What if my student is in a specialized program and I want my student to go to another specialized program outside of the Area I live in?

If you want to have your student attend a specialized program outside of your Area, the following process will apply:

- You will have to go into the online and apply to another school.
- You will have to go through the same criteria as the other students in SPPS.
- Special Placement will determine if space is available in the General Education classroom.
- Student Placement and the Special Education office will determine if space is available in the specialized program.
- Your child will not be eligible for Special Education transportation. If you apply to a specialized program outside of your Area and you cannot provide your own transportation, the district will reassign your student to your Area specialized program.
- If you apply and are accepted and you do not require Special Education transportation, then you will be notified that you have been accepted in the specialized program.

What if my student is in a specialized program and I want my student to attend a school without a specialized program in the Area I live in?

If your student’s IEP requires a specialized program and you apply to a school without the program, you will not be accepted at that school. The Special Education department is obliged to follow the IEP. You must attend a school that has a specialized program.

What if my student is in a specialized program and I want them to attend a district-wide magnet school outside of my Area?

If your student is in a specialized program and you want them to attend a district-wide magnet school, you will only be accepted if your student’s specialized program is available at the district-wide magnet school. Since you are going outside of your Area, Special Education transportation will not be available to your student. Special Education transportation is only available to students within their Areas.

When will transportation be provided to my student in Special Education?

Transportation will be provided to students who qualify for Special Education or are over the half-mile limit (for K-5 students) or are over the one mile limit (Grades 6-12 students). Special Education transportation will not be provided if a parent chooses to go outside of their Area.

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Special Education**

- Special Education Department: 651-767-8321
- Early Childhood Intervention Services: 651-744-8094
- Special Education Advisory Council: 651-767-3437
- Special Education Liaison: 651-767-3437
- Ombudsperson: 651-767-8394
- Student Placement: 651-632-3773
- Student Health and Wellness: 651-767-8385
- Transportation: 651-666-9600

**RESOURCES**

- Pacer Center: 952-838-9000
- www.pacer.org
- ARC Greater Twin Cities: 952-920-0855
- www.arcgreatertwincities.org
- MN Department of Education: 651-552-8200
- www.education.state.mn.us
- MN Disability Law Center: 612-332-4668
- www.mindmegal.org

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**SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PROUDLY SERVES 6,850 STUDENTS**

Learn how Saint Paul Public Schools Strong Schools, Strong Communities strategic plan impacts Special Education services

Saint Paul Public Schools looks forward to meeting your child’s Special Education needs. As we move into the third year of the implementation of Strong Schools, Strong Communities, our families will experience some changes in programming. After reviewing this document, please feel free to contact the Special Education department with your questions. Phone numbers can be found on the back of this pamphlet.

**HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUR STUDENT**

For all families in Special Education, transportation will be provided to programs in your Area. If the parent chooses to go outside of their Area, transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.

If your child is in a **specialized program**, you will have a designated program location within your Area. Parents who want to choose a specialized program outside of their Area, can do so through the application process:

- The parent will need to contact the Special Education department requesting their choice for an out-of-area specialized program.
- The Special Education department will work with the Student Placement Center to determine if both the Special Education and General Education programs requested have spaces available.
- The parent also has to agree to transport their student to the new program if accepted.

If your child is in a **Special Education program** and is a **resource program**:

- You can apply and receive transportation if accepted to any school in your Area. Use the “School Finder” tool on our website to find a school in your Area.
- You can apply to a school outside of your Area, however, you will have to provide your own transportation.
- You can apply to a district magnet and are eligible to receive transportation. However, if your child requires Special Education transportation, you will need to provide your own transportation.

To find special education programs in your Area, look at the chart on page 2.

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### SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

**SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT MAP**

#### AREA A

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **Farnsworth Aerospace - Lower**
  - PreK-4

- **Johnson**
  - 9-12

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 6-8

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper**
  - Grade 8 Only

- **Hazel Park Preparatory**
  - PreK-8

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 6-8

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **Bruce F. Vento**
  - K-5

- **Cherokee Heights PreK-5**
  - Grade LD EBD Resource

- **Crooks Park**
  - PreK-5

- **Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus**
  - PreK-5

- **Farnsworth Aerospace Lower K-5**

- **Frost Lake**
  - K-5

- **Horace Mann School**
  - K-5

- **John A. Johnson Achievement Plus**
  - PreK-5

- **Jackson Preparatory**
  - PreK-5

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower K-3**

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper PreK-5**

- **Maxfield**
  - PreK-5

- **Randolph Heights**
  - PreK-5

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Highland Park**
  - 8-12

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **American Indian Magnet**
  - PreK-6

- **Battle Creek Elementary**
  - K-5

- **Battle Creek Middle**
  - 6-8

- **Central**
  - 9-12

- **Creative Arts**
  - 7-12

#### AREA B

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **American Indian Magnet**
  - PreK-5

- **Battle Creek Elementary**
  - K-5

- **Battle Creek Middle**
  - 6-8

- **Bruce F. Vento**
  - K-5

- **Farnsworth Aerospace Lower**
  - K-5

- **Frost Lake**
  - K-5

- **John A. Johnson Achievement Plus**
  - PreK-5

- **Mississippi Creative Arts**
  - K-5

- **Saint Paul Music Academy**
  - PreK-5

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Washington Technology**
  - 6-8

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Farnsworth Aerospace Upper**
  - 6-8

- **Open World Learning Community**
  - 7-12

- **Washington Technology**
  - 6-8

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **Cherokee Heights**
  - PreK-5

- **Riverview West Side School of Excellence**
  - K-5

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 6-8

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 9-12

#### AREA C

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **American Indian Magnet**
  - PreK-5

- **Battle Creek Elementary**
  - K-5

- **Battle Creek Middle**
  - 6-8

- **Bruce F. Vento**
  - K-5

- **Crooks Park**
  - PreK-5

- **Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus**
  - PreK-5

- **Farnsworth Aerospace Lower K-5**

- **Frost Lake**
  - K-5

- **Horace Mann School**
  - K-5

- **John A. Johnson Achievement Plus**
  - PreK-5

- **Jackson Preparatory**
  - PreK-5

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower K-3**

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper PreK-5**

- **Maxfield**
  - PreK-5

- **Randolph Heights**
  - PreK-5

- **Saint Paul Music Academy**
  - PreK-5

- **Mississippi Creative Arts**
  - K-5

- **Central**
  - 9-12

- **Creative Arts**
  - 7-12

#### AREA D

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **Cherokee Heights**
  - PreK-5

- **Riverview West Side School of Excellence**
  - K-5

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 6-8

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Humboldt Secondary**
  - 9-12

#### AREA E

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- **American Indian Magnet**
  - PreK-5

- **Benjamin E. Mays**
  - K-6

- **Capitol Hill Gifted & Talented**
  - 1-8

- **Four Seasons Arts+**
  - PreK-5

- **Groveland Park**
  - K-5

- **JJ Hill Montessori**
  - PreK-5

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower K-3**

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper PreK-5**

- **Maxfield**
  - PreK-5

- **Randolph Heights**
  - PreK-5

- **Saint Paul Music Academy**
  - PreK-5

- **Mississippi Creative Arts**
  - K-5

- **Central**
  - 9-12

- **Creative Arts**
  - 7-12

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- **Washington Technology**
  - 6-8

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- **Capitol Hill Gifted & Talented**
  - 1-8

- **Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper PreK-5**

- **Maxfield**
  - PreK-5

- **Randolph Heights**
  - PreK-5

- **Saint Paul Music Academy**
  - PreK-5

- **Mississippi Creative Arts**
  - K-5

- **Central**
  - 9-12

- **Creative Arts**
  - 7-12

#### Questions?

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