

STURGIS SPECIAL EDUCATION FAQ'S

Individual Education Program (IEP)

1. If my son/daughter is selected through the lottery, who is the person to contact at Sturgis to discuss a transfer meeting for my child's IEP prior to his/her entrance to school?

You would contact the Special Education Coordinator at the campus your child will be attending:

East Campus

Susan LaCombe Voigt, Special Education Coordinator

West Campus

Patricia Marcel, Special Education Coordinator

2. My son/daughter has an active IEP (individual education program from his/her sending school. Will Sturgis be able to transfer this IEP and provide the same services, supports and accommodations that are listed within his/her IEP?

Yes. It is helpful to begin the communication process with your sending district and parents before a student enrolls to ensure a smooth transition.

3. During the school year, will my son/daughter have an assigned contact person to oversee his/her IEP and to meet with me to discuss my concerns and his/her progress, services, and/or other needs?

Yes, the Special Education Coordinator at the campus your child will be attending.

Assessment

1. Do students with IEP's participate in MCAS, the state assessment program?

Yes and if they have IEP MCAS accommodations, they will be implemented.

2. My son/daughter is due for a three year reevaluation of his/her IEP. Will Sturgis be able to provide the assessments?

Yes, We currently contract with an outside provider for these assessments..

3. My son/daughter requires accommodations such as extra time when taking tests/exams. Will he/she be provided such accommodations from his teachers at Sturgis when in class or at other times during the school-day?

Yes, Student IEP accommodations will be implemented.

Transition

1. My son/daughter is 14 years of age and needs to participate in an IEP transition meeting. Will Sturgis be able to help him/her plan for his/her transition to adulthood by assisting him/her in creating his/her vision for the next one to five years?

Yes, Sturgis will give informal assessments to help guide the student with identified areas of need.

2. My child may require education until his/her 22nd birthday. Will my son/daughter be able to continue his/her schooling at Sturgis until then?

Yes, The IEP Team together will create a plan for the student.

General Curriculum

1. How does Sturgis provide access to the general curriculum to students with disabilities?

All students at Sturgis are in an inclusive academic setting.

2. How will my child be able to make effective progress in the general (IB) curriculum?

Each student's goals and objectives are individually tailored for students to assist them in making educational progress.

Other

1. Is Sturgis required to follow the same special education laws and regulations that my son/daughter's sending school does?

Yes, Sturgis has the same licensure requirements as other public schools.

2. My son/daughter has emotional needs. Does Sturgis provide guidance and/or counseling services to support my son/daughter's IEP goals?

Yes, Sturgis counselors work diligently with staff members, families, and students.

3. Does Sturgis offer support services such as: speech/language; occupational therapy; physical therapy; other therapies?

Yes, if a student's IEP services require.

4. Does Sturgis have an active Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for parents of students with special needs?

*Yes, Sturgis Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) meets on a quarterly basis and has a web page for SEPAC news and meeting information: **SEPAC** <http://sturgischarterschool.org/parents/sepac.html>*