

**LIVE EVENT**



**CCISD Today  
Special Education Update**



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Clear Creek ISD hosted a live stream for Special Education Services on Wednesday, July 15, to talk through updates within the program and to answer some frequently asked questions from parents. Below is a recap of what was covered in the live stream.

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**What options are available for special needs students?**

Clear Creek ISD is offering brick and mortar and Clear Connections to students in special education. School to Home is available in the event a campus or the district needs to close due to positive COVID-19 cases. The district is working with the technology department and the principal at Clear Connections to determine ways to offer services virtually that are available in our brick and mortar option. If there is a RELATED service your child needs that cannot be provided virtually, we may provide those services in the home as determined by an ARD.

**How can I get an ARD?**

IDEA requires an ARD to make a change in placement. The district is still working through how ARDs will be completed before the start of school. We will send out communication to update you on this situation.

### **Who will complete my ARD or 504 for Clear Connections?**

The ARD or 504 is completed by the staff at your child's home campus.

### **What is CCISD doing to ensure the safety of students in special education?**

Teachers will have face shields, protective gowns and dividers for small group instruction in the program classes. We are exploring all options for the safety of our teachers and medically fragile students. We are asking teachers to create personal manipulative kits if possible, limit variation of student groupings, teach social distancing, cough etiquette and hand hygiene. Teachers will designate spaces in rooms for small group instruction, floor tape or dividers will be used to separate large areas into smaller spaces. Verbal reminder and visual supports will be provided on all campuses and staff will designate areas for student belongings.

### **Will my child be required to wear a face mask?**

We must follow what the state and district guidance require for face masks, but we understand some students cannot wear a mask. We will address this issue individually. If it is not safe for a special education student to wear a face covering, we will not require one.

### **How will Helping Each Adult Reach Transition Services (HEARTS) operate in Clear Connection?**

There is no plan for HEARTS in Clear Connections. HEARTS is designed to transition students into their communities. Students in HEARTS have already earned all their high school academic credits. Protocols for community based instruction have already been developed and are in use with students this summer.

### **What will the beginning of school look like for my student in special services?**

The district is creating protocols to analyze what instruction was missed last spring. Teachers will be evaluating the level of performance from before spring break, from May and at the start of this school year to create an individual plan to fill in the gaps to help students recoup skills/instruction that may have been lost or missed during the COVID emergency closure.

**Will dyslexic and 504 students be able to enroll in Clear Connections?**

Yes, we will be able to provide services for both groups of students. For 504 students, we may have to look at the accommodations needed to determine how to provide services virtually.

**How can I reach out for more information?**

You can call 281-284-0750 to speak with someone from Special Services.