General Information

The General Studies Department at SCHS was created to meet the needs of students with identified disabilities.

The department works with staff from the Kaskaskia Special Education Cooperative to provide a wide-range of primary and related services to students.

Each student is identified and treated as an individual. Students attend their annual IEP meetings and participate in activities throughout the year to develop appropriate goals, objectives and transition plans while enrolled at SCHS.

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Supplementary Supports/Modifications

Because all students are general education students first, SCHS provides many educational supports/accommodations to meet the needs of student's eligible for special education services while continuing to serve them in the least restrictive environment possible.

Possible supports/accommodations available include, but are not limited to:

- Extended time for assignments and assessments
- Reader or use of text-to-speech options for assignments and assessments
- Preferential seating
- Assistance with study skills and time management
- Use of technology and assistive technology such as an iPad, FM system, interpreter, etc.
- Use of a "Free Five" to self-correct behavior in classroom
- Use of a note-taker or provided notes

Continuum of Placement Options

All students are considered general education students first. If a student's individual learning or behavioral needs require more restrictive interventions and services, the following options are commonly considered by the IEP team. Options are listed in the order of least restrictive to most restrictive setting, as the goal is to keep students in the least restrictive setting possible. Other options may warrant consideration based upon the student's needs.

- Monitor only
- Resource Study Hall support
- Instructional classes for core subjects
- Training for Life Classes (for students with the most severe disabilities)
- Alternative school within cooperative boundaries (ALA/SAFE, Bronson)
- Residential school outside of cooperative boundaries
- Home/hospital services

Related Services

Students at SCHS have a variety of related services available to meet their needs. The use of these services is determined by the IEP team based upon the student's needs.

Services include:

- School Social Work
- School Health/Nursing
- Special Transportation
- Behavior Management Plans
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Hearing Itinerant Services
- Vision Itinerant Services
- Classroom Aide
- Individual Aide
- Adaptive PE