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Elementary Autism Programs

Who We Are...

The Elementary Autism Programs service school-aged students in grades K-2 who have been diagnosed along the autism spectrum. Our mission is to increase the social, emotional, academic and communication skills of students with autism to maximize independence in a school environment.

The original program was created during the 2003-2004 school year through a city-county cooperative agreement. Zanesville City Schools and all of the local school districts within Muskingum and Morgan Counties joined to fund a classroom teacher and behavior technicians.

Three classrooms are located at John McIntire Elementary and Zane Grey Elementary Schools. Two classrooms serve students with high functioning ASD issues while the third classroom provides a specialized curriculum and techniques for serving students with Multiple Disabilities who are also on the autism spectrum.

What We Do...

The teacher and behavior technicians have been trained to provide specifically designed, individualized programming to meet the needs of each student. This varies from one-to-one verbal behavior instruction with frequent reinforcers to traditional classroom instruction for group activities. A strong component to address social skills is included through direct instruction and organized group activities. Two school psychologists provide supervision of the behavior technicians, monitor data collection, and provide direct consultative services for teachers and parents.

The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - Revised (ABLLS-R) - is used in conjunction with the Ohio Learning Extended Standards to gather baseline data for each student. From this data, individualized curriculum goals and objectives have been developed and will be monitored for progress during each grading period.

Based on individual needs, students are provided with the services of occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech and language therapy. Transportation is also available from each home school district.

