



Questions for Choosing a School for Parents of Children with Disabilities

1. Is Response to Intervention (RTI) used to address academic as well as behavioral challenges and how are parents engaged in this process.
2. Are adequate books and supplies and teaching aids available for all students?
3. Are special education teachers certified and highly skilled?
4. Is there a functioning school improvement team at the school site with parent participation?
5. How do classroom teachers communicate with parents regarding academic and behavioral issues?
6. What % of student your body receives special education services?
7. What are the different disability categories that your school currently serves, i.e. Speech, Autism, Learning Disabled, Other Health Impaired, etc.?
8. How many special needs students graduated with a diploma last year?
9. What percentage of special needs population received regular diplomas last year?
10. Of your special needs population, what percentage takes the regular state assessments, LAA1 & LAA2?
11. Have any of your students taking the LAA2 move up to the regular state assessments?
12. How quickly can you gear up to serve a child with significant special needs?
13. How many of your current students are served in a self-contained setting?
14. How do you integrate services for students with disabilities in an inclusion setting?
15. Is there an elevator in the building?
16. How long has your special education staff been in place at this school?