

Special Education Services

Brown County School District offers a comprehensive special education program for handicapped students. The goal of the program is to provide free and appropriate education for the handicapped student, enabling each child an opportunity to achieve maximum potential.

Brown County School District is part of a cooperative district (Four Rivers Special Education District) located in Jacksonville, Illinois. There are twenty three participating school districts in the co-op. This allows Brown County School District to offer programs, related services, and special services to children with special needs.

Under federal and state guidelines the following handicapping conditions are eligible to receive special education services: Hearing Impaired, Vision Impaired, Learning Disabled, Speech and Language Impaired, Emotionally Disturbed, Other Health Impaired, Mentally Impaired, Physically Handicapped, Traumatic Brain Injured, and Autism.

Students with disabilities who do not qualify for an individualized education program, as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and implementing provisions of the School Code, may qualify for services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 if the child (i) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, (ii) has a record of a physical or mental impairment, or (iii) is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment.