

# SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

**The purpose of our program is best defined in our mission statement:**

The MWHS Special Education Department is a part of a student-centered team consisting of students, parents, educators, and community members. We believe that students must assume the primary responsibility for their own education. Individual student teams are responsible for making decisions regarding appropriate classroom placement and any necessary modification to the graduation requirements. Our purpose is to provide instruction so that students may develop learning strategies that help them to become independent learners.

Our small group Special Education courses can only be accessed by students who have qualified for Special Education through the intervention, referral, evaluation, and qualification process. The program offers a variety of services to identified students, including: monitoring of student's progress in general education classes, small group instruction in areas in which they qualify for Special Services, specialized work experience and vocational programs, functional skills program, and specific classes designed to teach skills and strategies for academic and social success. The IEP team, which includes staff, parents, and student, determine the specific program components for the individual student.

