

Spectrum Collaborative Classrooms

Nearly 100 public school districts in California are saving time, money and litigation by collaborating with Spectrum Center Schools to provide special education services and programs. Due to budget, staff expertise and other factors, many districts are unable to provide all these services themselves. Therefore, they partner with Spectrum to deliver individualized special education for students with challenging educational and behavioral needs such as autism, emotional disturbance and developmental delay. For more than 30 years, Spectrum's evidence-based programs have helped students advance educationally and behaviorally – and helped districts serve a wider variety of students within a district site. No other education company offers this rich legacy to its partners.

Spectrum's Value: Spectrum's quality, infrastructure, systems and accountability help districts meet the needs of students, parents and teachers. All Spectrum students receive individualized instruction in academic, social and behavioral skills, including independent living and vocational skills, and Spectrum teachers meet special education teacher requirements. Establishing a Spectrum collaborative classroom enables school districts to provide specialized services in the least restrictive environment (LRE), helping them prevent – or prevail in – legal challenges over the issue of LRE.

Collaborating with Spectrum positions school districts to provide the highest quality education services and programs to students with special needs; expand their internal capacity; increase LRE options; strengthen parental support for district remedies; reduce the need to hire additional FTEs; reduce transportation costs; and reduce their legal exposure. School districts can access IDEA dollars to fund Spectrum programs.

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Spectrum's Collaborative Model: Spectrum offers a variety of partnership models and tailors services based on districts' specific needs. Many districts engage Spectrum to provide collaborative classrooms on their campuses. Spectrum provides teachers/instructional aides; implement behavioral and educational support; educates parents how to continue their child's behavior plan at home, ensuring ongoing reinforcement of appropriate behaviors; facilitates integration opportunities on-site so that students interact with their typically developing peers in class, sports and other activities; and shares research and knowledge gained in more than 30 years of working with children with challenging educational and behavioral needs.

Spectrum's Focus: Spectrum is known for the quality of its research-based, data-driven programs and earned the highest rating given by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. For more than 30 years, Spectrum's evidence-based programs have helped students advance educationally and behaviorally – and helped districts serve a wider variety of students within a district site.

