



Palo Alto Unified
School District

Educationally Related
Autism Services are
provided by master's level
educational specialists,
including professionals
knowledgeable in the field of
autism.

Autism Spectrum
Disorder Team

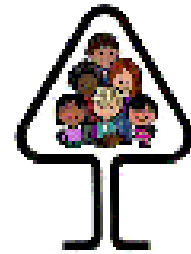
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Educationally Related Autism Services

ASD Staff

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have specific learning challenges that for some children may require specific evidence-based methodologies and educational supports related to ASD.

Palo Alto Unified School District has developed autism related services for those children determined to benefit from an intensive, individualized approach to learning. Using progressive, evidence-based methodologies to help students gain skills that can be used, or generalized, from one environment to another are given a broadened but connected learning experience within their classroom setting.

With respect for both strengths and challenges students with Autism Spectrum Disorder face, PAUSD Educationally Related Autism Services provides:

- Ziggurat Model: a framework for designing comprehensive interventions for students with autism
- Visual schedules and materials to organize students and promote independence
- Strategies from the Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped Children (TEACCH) model
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and other AAC related interventions
- Acknowledgment of the child's abilities, interests and motivations as a source of information in developing program and interventions
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

The PAUSD Educationally Related Autism services team includes:

- ASD Specialist
- ASD In-Class Support Specialist
- Paraprofessional staff trained and supervised by ASD team
- Behavior Specialist
- Ongoing staff trainings and program monitoring of ASD related services