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SAINT RICHARD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Learning Through Faith.



Challenge Me

- *Special Kids Program* -

Students may be accepted into the Special Kids Program as early as the age of four. St. Richard School follows the State Department of Education guidelines for Special Education.

Academics and social skills are the focus of the K4-6th grade. These students are located within the main school building. Independent living skills and pre-vocational skills are added to the curriculum for students in the older program (13-21). The older children are in a special classroom, located across the street from the main campus. The classroom is actually a small house that provides the setting for their educational needs, as well as the learning of life and occupational skills.



A goal of St. Richard is to mainstream the Special students as much as possible. Age-appropriate mainstreaming is done in the non-academic subjects.

Mainstreaming for grade level academics is done on an individual basis as specified by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

St. Richard Special Kids Academic Program offers reading, mathematics, writing, spelling, science,



social studies, and religion. Art, music, physical education, library and computer are also embedded in our curriculum with the assistance of specialists.

St. Richard School administration and staff are well aware of the different learning styles each child brings to the classroom. We believe that while some students learn well through traditional methods, many do not. For this reason, St.

Richard is dedicated to teaching each student through arts integration.

We believe every child is a gift from God and each is given his talents in special ways.

The children in the program form an integral part of the St. Richard School community. They are actively involved in all school activities, participating in school masses, programs, assemblies, and art contests. Students are given the chance to build friendships in the Special classes, and throughout the school.



Since 1980, St. Richard School has addressed the need to make available a regular classroom atmosphere and educational curriculum for mentally, emotionally and physically handicapped children. Our students are from all denominations and faiths. They are taught and loved by four full-time teachers and assistant teachers.

Annually in October, St. Richard celebrates Special Kids Day. The unique gifts of the children are recognized and applauded, and the community participates in a day full of fun, excitement, and meaningful fund raising.

