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## WASD Special Education Department Contact Information

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This letter is being sent to all families in the district to introduce our special education department, develop a contact if needed, and provide general information about our program.

The Wilmington Area School District is excited to welcome you back for another school year. We are proud to share this information related to our Special Education Department and the delivery of a full continuum of services and programs for students in grades K-12. Our goal is to provide a program that is sensitive to individual differences that meets the unique and individual needs of our students. At WASD, we want ALL of our students to reach their full potential and become responsible contributors to society.

In order to reach our district goals, we facilitate a collaborative effort among parents, administrators, teachers, students, related service providers, and other support personnel. Additionally, we provide students opportunities to work with highly qualified teachers who strive to improve the quality of our curriculum and instruction. At WASD, we support an inclusive rationale that recognizes students' individual learning differences and provides a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all exceptional students according to federal, state, and district policy.

Parents of a child recommended for special education are involved throughout the screening and evaluation process, as well as in the development of an individualized education program (IEP) for their child. We strongly encourage parents to participate in all facets of the IEP process to assist and be an active member in the development of your child's programming. We want to provide your child with the best possible education to help prepare them for their future. We can make a difference by working together, accepting, believing, and caring, because every child is a special child.

If at any point you are in need of additional information, have concerns, or have questions related to special education, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Conglose at one of the options located to the left.