

# SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES

*Supporting students in the classroom*

Hamilton County DD Services operates two schools for students with significant disabilities. We also support many school-age children in collaboration with their local public school districts.

The HCDDS Itinerant Support team collaborates with school-based teams to support children with DD and moderate to intensive needs in their community schools.

Services include observations, special team meeting participation, classroom organization and structural support, visual supports training, strength-based curriculum recommendations, crisis prevention and management support, and more.

To receive Itinerant Support services, a student must be a resident of Hamilton County with a current Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Evaluation Team Report (ETR). Referral forms must be completed and returned along with consent from the student's guardian and school.

## **HCDDS SCHOOLS**

Hamilton County DD Services operates two schools to support students with significant disabilities. Individualized instruction focuses on functional academics, communication and socialization skills, behavior support, and practical tasks for living and working in the community. Students must be referred for enrollment by their local public school district. If you believe our schools might be appropriate for your child, contact the student services manager or the special education director at your local school district.

After a district refers a student, our principals review the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Evaluation Team Report (ETR). They then observe the student in his or her current educational environment to determine whether the local district or Hamilton County DD Services is the "least restrictive environment," as defined by law. If it is determined that a student can be better supported in his or her local district, Hamilton County DD Services works with teachers and staff at the local district to empower them to better support that student.

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