

Candler County Board of Education
Program for Exceptional Children

Candler COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a resource tool of current information and procedures for special education teachers and other staff members working with exceptional students. Periodically Policies, Practices, and Procedures will be discussed with you to determine their effectiveness, as well as additional information will be sent to you to keep this handbook current. *Please bring your copy to all SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF MEETINGS.*

PHILOSOPHY

The Candler County Program for Exceptional Children believes in the dignity and worth of every individual and the right of every student to have the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally to his fullest potential. The system assumes the responsibility for providing programs and activities that will enable students to acquire concepts and skills in communication, computation, scientific knowledge, economic efficiency, physical fitness, civic responsibility, self-realization, human relationships, ethical values, cultural awareness, and aesthetic appreciation. The programs and activities are planned to encourage students to acquire a positive attitude toward school and the learning process, emphasizing life-long learning. The system believes that students should be challenged to achieve academic excellence at all levels of ability and in every area of instruction. The system recognizes the need for cooperative efforts of schools, community agencies, and families in providing guidance, support, and programs to enhance the development of students.

GOALS

The Candler County School System affirms the goal of the Georgia State Board of Education of providing full educational opportunities to all students with disabilities within Georgia. All students (3-21 years) with disabilities, as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), will be provided full educational opportunities in programs meeting the standards of the State Education Agency.