

AMITYVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pupil Personnel Services

Autism Awareness

Presentation

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Diagnostic Criteria

- Symptoms are present in the early developmental period (typically between 2 and 5 years of age)
- Persistent deficits in social communication across multiple contexts
- Persistent deficits in social interaction across multiple contexts
- Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities
- Sensory sensitivity is a common feature

TEACCH Methodology

- University of North Carolina
- Structured teaching of social communication
- Physical organization of the classroom to support attention
- Focuses on strengths in visual processing to supplement verbal communication (visual schedules)
- Individual workstations to help filter sensory sensitivity

Special Classes for Students with Autism

September 2011

First Class at Northeast – 4 students

Current Enrollment

In-District – 44 students

Students Out-of-District -11 students

Students with Autism

- Northeast – 2 students
- Northwest – 11 students
- PAMES – 5 TEACCH classrooms with a total of 22 students
- EW Miles Middle School – 6 students
- AMHS – 2 students

Extended School Year Program

Summer 2012 (21 Students)

- 5 Students in TEACCH Program
- 21 Other Students with Disabilities

Summer 2017 (72 Students)

- 25 Students in TEACCH Program
- 47 Other Students with Disabilities

Skill Development

- Academics: Teachers are using the same academic interventions as used with other students with disabilities, as well as with general education students.
- Generalization of Social Skills
- Communication Development
- Related Services
- Participation in the Community