



Special Education/Student Inclusion North Miami Middle School (#4789)

North Miami Middle School serves students with a wide range of learning styles and abilities. We strive to support our students in providing them with an appropriate education. As part of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) our aim is to increase access and engagement in learning for all students by identifying and removing barriers.*

Our staff is supported by the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student Support that serves children and families throughout the district. They develop, coordinate and oversee programs that support students with disabilities in order to ensure that curriculum, instructional and behavioral practices are tailored to meet their educational needs. A variety of barriers may render the learning experience very challenging for our students. They include but not limited to:

- Specific learning disabilities
- Hearing and/or language impairment
- Behavior/emotional disorders
- Attention disorders
- Mental health conditions
- Visual impairment
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Orthopedic impairment
- Gifted

Our faculty and staff are committed to enhancing academic success for all students by providing access to age appropriate school and community resources that will benefit the individual needs of each student. We strive to provide our students with the least restrictive environment for a pleasant and successful learning experience. For this reason, a process has been established to refer students who may benefit from special programs and services. The referral process can be initiated by any staff member who works closely with the student, parents or even the students themselves. The school's Exceptional Student Education (ESE) specialist along with the school's counselors will continue to guide the process.

It is our policy to offer an inclusive education to students with special needs. North Miami Middle School uses a consultative model to provide MYP students with special needs the opportunity to benefit from the programme.

*Learning Diversity in the International Baccalaureate Programmes (p.3)