



## **Directory of Special Needs Classrooms According to Program**

The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio has made a mark as an exemplary, value-driven service agency and continues to provide services to schools and students in the highest quality means possible.

If you need to cancel an assignment, call the Substitute Cell Phone (614.374.5495) so a replacement substitute can be arranged to cover your absence. This phone number is for ESCCO special needs classroom substitutes only. If you substitute in a regular education classroom, you must contact the school personnel to cancel your assignment. If can cancel the job on AESOP, please do so.

## **Campus-Based Transition (CBT) and The Autism College Transition (ACT) programs**

Since 1998, the ESCCO has partnered with institutions of higher education to give Central Ohio students with disabilities campus-based transition programs in a peer group setting with the curriculum, environment and support needed to improve their lives after completing secondary education.

The WINGS (Winning Independence through Guided Support) program is located at Columbus State Community College. The STEP (Student Transition Education Program) and Project PLUS are located on The Ohio State University campus. These programs were recognized in 2007 with the American School Board Association's highest honor, a Magna Award Grand Prize. In the autumn of 2008 the ESCCO expanded service options for districts by opening The AUTISM College Transition (ACT) at Columbus State Community College.

These programs provide the "college" years for students ages 18-22 that otherwise would not be able to have such experiences, while providing necessary training for future employment and self care.

### **Cross-Categorical Classrooms:**

Students enrolled in this program exhibit delays in two or more areas. Each class consists of a maximum of eight children, one teacher and one or more assistants. Class emphasis is on content standards as well as increased independence in life skills.

### **Our CC classrooms are located in the following schools / districts:**

Alton Hall Elementary	South Western City Schools
Bexley High School	Bexley City Schools
East Franklin Elementary	South Western City Schools
Graham Road Elementary School	Reynoldsburg City Schools
Grove City High School	South Western City Schools
Groveport Madison Junior High School	Groveport Madison Local Schools
Herbert Mills Elementary School	Reynoldsburg City Schools
Jackson Middle School	South Western City Schools
New Albany K-1 Building	New Albany - Plain Local Schools

Reynoldsburg High School  
Sedalia Elementary School  
Yearling High School

Reynoldsburg City Schools  
Groveport Madison Local Schools  
Whitehall City Schools

### **Hearing Impaired (HI) Program**

Students receiving services in this program have a severe hearing loss. The class is a total communication program, which utilizes speech as well as all forms of sign language. The class consists of up to eight children, one teacher and interpreters. Instructional activities emphasize content standards and communication skills. All persons working in these classrooms must prove their proficiency as an ASL interpreter.

#### **Our HI classrooms are located in the following schools / districts:**

Jones Middle School  
Upper Arlington High School  
Windermere Elementary School

Upper Arlington City Schools  
Upper Arlington City Schools  
Upper Arlington City Schools

### **Emotionally Disturbed (ED) Program**

Students enrolled in this program have demonstrated social and emotional problems, which adversely affect their educational performance. Each class consists of up to ten students, one teacher and one or more assistants. Instructional activities emphasize the content standards as well as development of social skills and acquiring a positive self-image. Each student is provided with the amount of structure, supervision and reinforcement s/he needs to learn appropriate behaviors for the classroom and other school settings.

#### **Our ED classrooms are located in the following schools / districts:**

Cross Creek  
Eastland Career Center  
Edison Intermediate School  
Montrose Elementary School  
Upper Arlington High School

2865 West Broad Street, Columbus  
4465 South Hamilton Road, Groveport  
Grandview Heights City Schools  
Bexley City Schools  
Upper Arlington City Schools

**The following programs are offered for students residing in Delaware County only.**

#### **Ventures Academy**

Ventures Academy is a special education program designed to serve youth in grades 1-12 who are in need of social and behavioral intervention. The program consists of scheduled group therapeutic activities, along with social and recreational activities. Academics are individualized to meet the students' needs and abilities.

#### **GOAL**

The GOAL program is an accelerated alternative educational program that provides students with different options to earn a high school diploma or GED.

#### **Delaware Arts Academy**

The Delaware Arts Academy is a high school program located at 55 West Central Street in Delaware. Electives focus on the arts and humanities.

#### **Kessler Horse Farm**

The Kessler Horse Farm is a middle/high school program located in Union County on Delaware County Road off Highway 36. Electives focus on topics related to horse care, horse training, animal anatomy and physiology and environmental issues.

**Students enrolled in the Arts Academy and Kessler Horse Farm demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:**

- ◆ has a medical condition that precludes a full day schedule.
- ◆ does not function successfully in a traditional school setting.
- ◆ has grades well below projected levels.
- ◆ is frequently late or has excessive absences.
- ◆ has a history of family or personal problems.
- ◆ has a history of suspension/expulsion

**Preschool Disabilities (PD) Program**

Children enrolled in this program are 3 to 5 years of age with a variety of special needs. A class consists of up to eight children, one teacher and teacher assistants. Also, a number of typical children are a part of these classes, so that modeling of appropriate behaviors and learning about tolerance and acceptance is achieved for all students. Developmentally appropriate activities and intensive interaction is a central focus of these classes.

**Our PD classroom are located in the following buildings/districts:**

Buckeye Valley East Elementary School  
Buckeye Valley North Elementary School  
Burbank Early Childhood School  
Edison Intermediate School  
Fairbanks Elementary School

Buckeye Valley Local Schools  
Buckeye Valley Local Schools  
Upper Arlington City Schools  
Grandview Heights City Schools  
Fairbanks Local  
Schools

Good Samaritan Reformed Church  
Harrison Street Elementary School  
New Albany K-1 School

620 McCutcheon Road, Gahanna  
Big Walnut Local Schools  
New Albany - Plain Local Schools

### **STACK (Structured Teaching Autistic and Communication Delayed Kids)**

Students enrolled in the STACK program are provided a specifically designed structured learning environment. The class consists of six to eight students, one teacher and two teacher assistants.

Our STACK classrooms are located in the following schools / districts:

Canal Winchester Modular	Canal Winchester Local Schools
Cassingham Elementary School	Bexley City Schools
Norton Middle School	South Western City Schools
Prairie Norton Elementary School	South Western City Schools

The following are suggestions submitted by ESCCO teachers and assistants. You may find these suggestions helpful in making your substitute experience a most enjoyable, fulfilling and successful one.

- Remember that our students are first and foremost "just kids" who need your understanding and patience.
- Arrive early to your assignment.
- Go with the flow...  
... whether with students, staff, school personnel or unexpected events such as a fire drill.
- Don't contradict a teacher or assistant in the presence of students. If you wish to learn more about special needs children, our staff is very willing to answer questions of a general nature. However, our teachers and assistants cannot and will not share specific information or background regarding students due to confidentiality issues.
- Respect the environment of the classroom. Materials and supplies have been selected by the people who best know

our students. Return all materials and equipment to their original location.

- Communicating with staff members.  
Talk to the ESCO teacher or assistant about any idea you may have to help a particular student before "trying it out".
- Patience! Patience! Patience!  
Patience is so much more than a virtue - it's vital!

