

# Whatever Is Necessary, Whenever It's Needed

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Exploring, learning, and growing  
together—one day, one lesson,  
and one success at a time!  
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## About the Program

The WIN JR Program provides alternative ways for students to access learning based on their unique needs. It focuses on building essential skills for real-world success, with a strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy, and life skills through a collaborative team approach.

As a Program of Choice, WIN JR offers families the flexibility to decide what's best for their child. While students may be recommended for the program, participation is always a parent's choice. This Program of Choice blends WIN JR classroom experiences with curricular options tailored to student interests and strengths, creating an engaging and personalized learning journey.

## Eligibility Criteria



Eligibility is based on specific criteria, including but not limited to:

- An updated Psycho-Educational Assessment within the last three years
- The student is and has been on an adapted program and performing more than two grade levels below their registered grade
- The student's IPP outlines individualized goals and strategies that extend beyond standard differentiation and/or universal classroom supports
- The student does not require 1:1 support and demonstrates some level of independence
- The student can manage personal care needs, including toileting, independently

Please note: These criteria serve as a general guideline. Individual circumstances may be considered when determining eligibility.

While WIN JR offers access to a multi-disciplinary team, it is not designed for continuous one-on-one support.

## Program Focus



### Literacy

Students strengthen reading, writing, and communication skills to build confidence and success in a variety of real-world contexts.



### Numeracy

Students develop practical math skills and problem-solving strategies for everyday life.



### Life Skills

Students build life skills like organization, self-regulation, and time management, along with practical habits such as personal hygiene to support independence.



### Community Engagement

Students participate in activities that foster collaboration, empathy, and a sense of belonging within their school and community.



### Curricular Options

Students explore flexible learning opportunities tailored to their interests and needs, ensuring personalized pathways to success.

## Interested in Registering?



Admission to WIN JR requires a referral. Please contact the administration or instructional coach at your community school to begin the process. After receiving a referral, WIN JR Inclusive Consultants will schedule an observation at your child's school to determine program suitability. The school will receive a decision letter prior to the Powerschool Intentions deadline for the next school year, typically in March.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is the WIN JR Program?

The WIN JR Program (Whatever Is Necessary, Whenever It's Needed) is a Program of Choice designed to support students who benefit from alternative ways to access learning. It focuses on literacy, numeracy, life skills, and community engagement to prepare students for real-world success.

## 2. What is a Program of Choice?

A Program of Choice is a unique learning pathway offered by ECSD that goes beyond the regular classroom experience. These programs are designed to help children explore their gifts, passions, and learning styles in a supportive, faith-based environment. Informed parent consent is required for a student to be a part of a Program of Choice, such as WIN JR.

## 3. What does a typical day look like in WIN JR?

Students participate in literacy and numeracy instruction, life skills development, and community-based activities. They also have access to options and recreational activities tailored to their interests.

## 4. Will my child still be part of their community school?

Yes. WIN JR programming is integrated with the student's community school experience, allowing them to participate in school events and activities while receiving specialized support.

## 5. What supports are available in WIN JR?

WIN JR takes a collaborative team approach, bringing together teachers, instructional coaches, and a multi-disciplinary team to support student success. This team may include Educational Assistants, Therapeutic Assistants for Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language, a Family School Liaison Worker, and, at some sites, specialists in Behavior Therapy and Emotional Regulation. While these supports are available, WIN is not designed for continuous one-on-one assistance; students are expected to demonstrate some independence.

## 6. What happens after WIN JR?

Students in WIN JR can transition to WIN SR in high school, working toward a Certificate of Completion. High school students can access WIN SR programming directly at their community school. No referral is required for High School.

## 7. How does WIN JR prepare students for life after school?

The program emphasizes career planning, volunteer opportunities, and community engagement, helping students develop independence and real-world skills.

## 8. Is Transportation provided?

Yes, in most cases, curbside Yellow Bus service is available as long as the bus can safely access your home and you are within the city/school limits. However, if your home can only be reached through a back alley or another area that is not safely accessible, transportation cannot be provided.

