

The Englewood Public School District Department of Special Services

Overarching Beliefs and Vision

The vision of the Englewood Public School Department of Special Services is to achieve a level of services appropriate for students with atypical educational, emotional and social needs. Through a process of continual improvement at the school and classroom level, the needs of children with specialized needs can be met. This process of continual improvement across the district will be facilitated by focusing on the following beliefs:

- 1) Proactive communication among parents, teachers, administrators, specialists and paraprofessionals while remembering the importance of mutual respect for differing opinions and views.
- 2) Ongoing professional development and training for teachers/parents and paraprofessionals that reflects a commitment to provide instruction that is appropriate to meet the needs children with diverse needs.
- 3) Fostering instructional effectiveness and high quality services with the aim of promoting success for the student with unique learning needs.
- 4) The optimal goal of the district and the department is an inclusionary approach for children with disabilities where learning can occur in a positive and supported teaching- learning environment.