

GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Department

Special Education Department Meeting Agenda
Anthony Area Complex Conference Room
November 17, 2017

New Special Education Department Staff

- Francisco “Cisco” Sanchez, Educational Diagnostician

Kindergarten Skills Class (KSC)

- At the request of the Special Education Bureau of the PED, the current 5Y program at Riverside Elementary (and all future ‘5Y’ programs) will be referred to as Kindergarten Skills Class (KSC).
- KSC, just as 5Y was, will continue to be intended for kinder-age students for whom the IEP team has determined are not ready for an inclusive general education kindergarten class.
- The purpose of the KSC is to give students intensive instruction on kindergarten standards, in a smaller setting, which may allow them to be successfully integrated into an inclusive general education classroom setting.
- Retention in kindergarten in the following school-year must not be automatically assumed.
- All decisions regarding students in KSC, including that of retention, will be made on an individual basis by the student’s IEP team.
- A program guide for KSC is currently under development.

Duty to Report Child Abuse or Neglect

- Handouts provided:
 - GISD School Board Policy *JLF Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection*
 - *Report Child Abuse and Neglect* from Mandatory Harassment Packet

Upcoming Events

- Additional training on Service Capture documentation modules
- NM Autism Project
 - Training for Teachers/Instructional Assistants and SPED Department Staff
 - Parent Conference