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The mission of Hopkinton Public School's Student Service Department is to develop needed skills in academic, physical, social and emotional areas so that Hopkinton's students will be able to access the general education curriculum and participate in school life. The Student Service Department commits to confronting complex issues by focusing on the strengths of all constituents and strategically planning in order to restructure and build inclusive teaching and learning environments that meet the needs of all Hopkinton students

Special Education

The Individual's with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the federal special education law, entitles students with disabilities the right to a free and appropriate education (FAPE) and gives their parents the right to participate in the process. Hopkinton is committed to providing students their education in the least restrictive environment (LRE), as required by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and IDEA.

Hopkinton's schools strive to provide an exemplary inclusionary setting for students with disabilities. Hopkinton's schools see diversity as a reality and make sure each student has full access to knowledge, skills and information by individually tailoring learning, using collaborative teaching arrangements, collaborating with families, being flexible and holding high expectations for all students.

Special Education services are available to all students who have been determined eligible through an evaluation process. When a student is determined to have a disability and found eligible for special education services, a Team of professional educators, the student's parents and the student develops an Individualized Educational Program (IEP). Students' Teams review IEP's annually.