

Essential Skills

The Essential Skills program is for students functioning significantly below their peers in cognitive and self-care abilities that would impede their performance in a classroom setting. Health issues, ranging from alternative feeding needs to breathing difficulties are often a concern for these students as well. The students qualify for the categories of Moderate to Severe Cognitive Impairment. Instruction is based on the needs identified in the student's IEP. The purpose of the program is to provide appropriate instruction to enable the students to function as independently as possible throughout their school years and transition to adult life. The ES program could include students preschool through 7th grade. Currently the program is located at Ranch Elementary.