

General Education with Accommodations, Modifications, and Support (GEAMS)
For K-11th Grade Students with IEPs

The GEAMS (pronounced “gems”) model is an inclusive model, students who are able to achieve within the standard curriculum and behavior parameters are included into the classroom, with support from a special education teacher or paraprofessional. A majority of J O Combs students receive special education services through this model. Students receiving services through the GEAMS model could be eligible in any of the 13 areas of special education categories.

The GEAMS model can be found at every elementary school, the middle school, and the high school in our District. This model may accommodate students with a variety of special needs, for example: a learning disability, speech language delay, vision or hearing impairment, emotional issues, or a physical challenge.

Some of the benefits of this model are:

- Presents age-appropriate social interactions
- Promotes collaboration of general education and special education staff
- Promotes standards based grade level expectations
- Allows for modifications or adaptations of curricula to be adjusted for students’ different learning styles