



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ISD

Pathfinder Educational Center

About Us

The Pathfinder Educational Center is a comprehensive, centralized Special Education facility operated by the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District (SJCISD). Serving students from ages 5 through 18. The Center is dedicated to providing individualized, high-quality educational experiences that promote academic growth, functional skill development, and lifelong independence.

Program Components

At Pathfinder, students receive instruction and support tailored to their unique needs, with a focus on life skills training, communication development, social-emotional growth, and vocational preparation. Through a combination of classroom instruction, such as, hands-on learning, and community-based experiences, students gain the tools necessary to become confident, capable, and engaged members of their communities.

Placement

Placement at Pathfinder is determined by your student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team — a group that includes parents, teachers, ancillary staff, and the local district's administrator/designee. Together, the team determines the best learning environment to meet students' individual needs, taking into consideration their least restrictive environment.

Our highly trained staff — including special education teachers and ancillary staff — work collaboratively with families and local districts to ensure each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals are met in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment.

Belief Statements

- All students should be given the opportunity to learn and succeed.
- The goal for each student is to reach his/her potential.
- All students have value, worth, and the right to be treated with respect and dignity.
- All students have the right to privacy, their opinion, and personal safety.
- All students have the right to have their individual needs addressed.
- All students have learning opportunities in a least-restrictive environment.
- Students learn in different ways and at different rates.
- Learning is a lifelong process and

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