

Supports for Students with Disabilities

Many offices, agencies, and organizations outside of the Office of Special Education (OSE) work with families and schools to support students with disabilities.

Academic Supports

- [Personal Curriculum \(PC\)](#)
A PC can be used to modify any content within the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) for a student with an individualized education program (IEP).

Assistive Technology

- [Alt+Shift](#)
The Alt+Shift Lending Library contains assistive technology equipment and software that is available to Michigan's PK-12 public schools for short-term use.
- [Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach \(MDE-LIO\) Technology Resources](#)
The MDE-LIO provides resources and workshops for assistive technology to support students who are blind or have a visual impairment.

Autism

- [Statewide Autism Resources and Training \(START\)](#)
The START Project provides evidence-based training, technical assistance, and resources to school-based teams that support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Behavior Supports

- [Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative \(MIBLSI\)](#)
MIBLSI partners with school districts to develop positive school climates. MIBLSI uses positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) to help cut down on discipline referrals and allow students to focus on learning.
- [Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports \(PBIS\)](#)
PBIS.org supports schools, districts, and states to implement a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional, and behavioral support.

Blind/Visual Impairment

- [Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach \(MDE-LIO\)](#)
The MDE-LIO provides educational materials and supports to students who are blind/visually impaired (BVI), their families, and school district personnel.
- [Camp Tuhsmehta \(Camp T\)](#)
Camp T is a campground in Greenville, Michigan owned and operated by the state of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-

LIO) oversees the operation of the camp and provides programming for students and their families. Camp T is also open to other education groups.

- [**Bureau of Services for Blind Persons \(BSBP\)**](#)

The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) helps students with a visual impairment become employed and gain independence. BSBP provides training and other services that empower people to achieve their individual goals.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

- [**Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach \(MDE-LIO\)**](#)

The MDE-LIO provides educational materials and supports to students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), their families, and school district personnel.

- [**Michigan School for the Deaf \(MSD\)**](#)

The MSD in Flint, Michigan is the state’s school for educating students in a bilingual setting: American Sign Language (ASL) and English.

Early Childhood Education Services

- [**Early On[®] Michigan \(Birth to 3\)**](#)

Early On Michigan offers early intervention services for infants and toddlers birth to three years of age (and their families) with developmental delay(s) and/or disabilities.

- [**Early Childhood Special Education \(Age 3 to 5\)**](#)

Preschool-aged children who are eligible for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) from their local school district.

- [**Office of Great Start \(Birth to 8\)**](#)

The Michigan Department of Education Office of Great Start has been charged with ensuring that all children ages birth to eight, especially those in highest need, have access to high-quality early learning and development programs and enter kindergarten prepared for success.

Literacy

- [**Michigan’s Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative \(MIBLSI\)**](#)

MIBLSI partners with school districts to develop a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) that provides students with progressively more intense literacy and behavior interventions as needed.

Mediation

- [**Special Education Mediation Program \(SEMS\)**](#)

SEMS provides free special education mediation and IEP facilitation.

Parent Supports

- [**Michigan Alliance for Families**](#)
A state-funded initiative that works directly with families across the state.

Transition Services

- [**Office of Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)**](#)
The Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) oversees high school instructional programs that teach students skills in a specific career cluster.
- [**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\)**](#)
- [**Michigan Rehabilitation Services \(MRS\)**](#)
Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) provides specialized employment and education-related services and training to assist teens and adults with disabilities to become employed.