

Students with Disabilities

The Specialized Disabilities Support Program is a private-school program. It is not a public-school Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program and does not create an entitlement to a public-school Individualized Education Program (IEP) or to the special education and related services available through a public school.

Parentally Placed Private School Students with Disabilities

Bright Abilities Academy welcomes students with disabilities whose educational needs can be appropriately supported within the Academy's program, staffing, facilities, resources, and available services. The Academy is committed to providing a supportive and inclusive educational environment that recognizes each student's strengths, educational needs, and potential for academic and personal growth.

Pursuant to section 1002.421(1)(j), Florida Statutes:

“A parentally placed private school student with a disability does not have an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the student would receive if enrolled in a public school under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.”

Students enrolled at Bright Abilities Academy may receive educational services, reasonable accommodations, instructional supports, specialized instruction, and interventions consistent with the Academy's educational program, available resources, the student's documented needs, and the terms of the student's enrollment agreement or other written educational plan.

Enrollment at Bright Abilities Academy does not create an entitlement to a public-school IEP or guarantee that the Academy will provide every accommodation, modification, therapy, related service, placement, or support that may be included in a previous public-school IEP, Section 504 plan, evaluation, or outside recommendation.

Parents or legal guardians retain the right to contact the appropriate local school district to request an evaluation to determine whether their child is eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The legally responsible school district remains responsible for applicable Child Find activities in accordance with federal and Florida law.

Bright Abilities Academy values collaboration with families and, when authorized and appropriate, outside educational and clinical service providers. The Academy is committed to providing individualized educational supports within the scope of its private-school program, staffing, resources, available services, and applicable federal and Florida law.