

SWWC Educational Learning Centers



The Educational Learning Centers (ELCs) at SWWC offer two different student programs.

SUN Program: Designed to meet the needs of special education (SpEd) students with severe disabilities with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, DCD: Severe to Profound, DCD: Mild to Moderate, and Severely Multiply Impaired (other diagnosis also accepted). Many of the students have minimal to no verbal skills. Behaviors and communication skills are main focuses of this program. Referrals are made by the school district.

Bridges Program: Designed to meet the needs of SpEd students who are having behavior issues in their resident school district. In addition to academics, programming includes social-emotional learning classroom instruction with licensed professionals provided based on the individual student's educational needs. Referrals are made by the school district and do not require a Rule 79 diagnostic assessment or children's mental health care management services through the county of residence.

Referrals: To be considered for services, a student must meet MN SpEd Disability Criteria and have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) that includes a Behavior Support Plan (BSP). Additionally, the student must have a specific behavioral goal, a current Evaluation Report (ER) that includes a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), and demonstrate an educational need for a Federal Setting IV program, having spent at least 60% of the school day in a Federal Setting III SpEd setting. For the referral process, if the student is already receiving SpEd services from SWWC, notify your Director or Assistant Director of SpEd, who will work with our Intake Specialist. If the student is not receiving SWWC services, please complete the ELC Referral Packet and fax it to the Intake Specialist.

Behavior Services: All ELCs work directly with SWWC Behavioral Health Services. Prior to an ELC referral, districts can purchase Behavioral Health Services to gain more support within the district for students with challenging behaviors. Contact Amber Bruns for additional information at amber.bruns@swwc.org.

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