



## Multiple Needs Program

The Multiple Needs program is a separate special education program at Hoffman Estates High School designed to meet the needs of students with significant communication deficits and other behaviors typically associated with the autism spectrum. The Multiple Needs program basically creates a school-within-a-school. The Multiple Needs program is delivered in a specialized two-room setting providing a predictable daily routine and environmental supports to students who display impaired verbal language and difficulties with social interaction.

Each course taught in the Multiple Needs program is taught by a certified special education teacher with the assistance of one or more teacher's aides or paraprofessionals. The program delivers instruction covering a full range of regular education courses and remedial special education courses. A low staff-to-student-ratio allows students to receive both behavioral and academic interventions in a highly individualized and supportive environment. A consistent staff familiar with each student's unique behavior patterns and communication needs make use of

In order for the services provided in the Multiple Needs Program to be effective, the student's participation and determination are essential. The following behaviors increase the chances that a student will be successful:

Take part in understanding the IEP, particularly the goals and objectives.

Help the teacher to identify and understand academic strengths, weaknesses and areas that need assistance.

Be prepared for classes. Have the necessary books, pens, pencils, paper, notebooks and assignments at every class.

Go to every class every day and on time.

Ask the teacher for help, extra time, or other assistance when needed.

Inform the teacher if any academic subject or skill area is particularly difficult.

Use the learning strategies that are taught.

Communicate with teachers and teacher assistants.

Assume responsibility for his or her own academic performance and behavior.

The Multiple Needs Program can be successful if the student exhibits the behaviors described above. While the program and teachers provide a great deal of attention