

Sly Park Outdoor Education Center Students with Special Needs

Sly Park is committed to serving as many students as possible, regardless of student special needs. Generally, outdoor education and the Sly Park program, specifically, is already able to accommodate a wide variety of special needs. That being said, there are a number of things we can collectively do to ensure the success of every student.

Students without an IEP/504 -

Students with special needs who do not have an IEP/504 will be accommodated in their Hiking Groups.

For example, a student on crutches, not able to hike, can be assigned to other on-campus activities and can be transported to/from the lake.

Students with an IEP/504 -

Given the setting and nature of the Sly Park program, the vast majority of students with an IEP/504 can be accommodated in Hiking Groups.

For example, a student with special academic needs is afforded additional time to prepare for an activity, can be placed with a specific Sly Park teacher, partnered with a specific student, provided a quiet place to regroup, remain close to the Visiting Teachers/Sly Park teacher, etc.

Students with physical needs/limitations, which prevent them from fully participating in some activities can be assigned to other on-campus activities and can be transported to/from the lake.

Given the setting and the nature of the Sly Park program, what would be considered accommodations in a traditional classroom setting are the mainstay of the program.

It is the responsibility of the school/district to provide for students with more extensive special needs. For example, students who normally and/or will require support from a 1:1, school nurse, interpreter, and any equipment that may be needed.

In extraordinary cases, significant physical/medical needs and/or identification needs, it may be possible to provide separate accommodations - the "Apartment". The space for separate accommodations is VERY limited and requires that a parent/guardian be able to stay with the student.

Separate accommodations must be specifically requested by the school/district and approved by the Director. Again, separate accommodation space is limited and is reserved for a student and parent who simply would be otherwise unable to attend.