



Meeting the Needs of All Learners Kindergarten through Grade 5

The mission of Palos Heights School District is to educate all children as individuals, to foster a love of learning, and to prepare children for a responsible and successful future in a diversified world.

As part of a district-wide effort to provide academic excellence for all students, District 128 utilizes a system of multi-tiered support (MTSS) in identifying and meeting student needs. The goal of MTSS is to provide your child with the challenge he or she needs to achieve success in school.

As part of our efforts to provide the right level of support to each student, teachers analyze data from standardized assessments, classroom assessments and classroom assignments on an ongoing basis. Our teams use flexible grouping models to meet students where they are relative to their instructional needs. Flexible groups may be embedded during core instructional times in the classroom or may be formed as part of a daily 30-minute grade level time set aside for differentiated instruction. Students who demonstrate mastery of the prerequisite content are grouped to enrich and extend the learning and those who may need additional time and support receive scaffolded instruction aimed at closing those gaps. Students demonstrating grade level expectations are provided instruction to stretch their thinking as well. Groups change as needs of students fluctuate based on the concepts or skills being introduced in the classroom.

In the flexible grouping model, students may be grouped for instruction with any of our certified teachers that service that grade level, including classroom, support and enrichment intervention staff members. Since these groups are flexible and fluid, there is no formal notification regarding this differentiated model of instruction. If a child is participating in sustained support services for remediation or enrichment, then parents will be notified on an individual basis.

As a district, we are committed to continuing to provide a high quality school experience for your children and this flexible model is one more avenue for us to personalize the learning for our students.