

Websites for
parents and
students with
special needs

www.ldonline.org

*(Learning Disabilities)

www.teach.com

*(Autism and Asperger's
Syndrome)

www.chadd.org

*(ADHD)

www.schwablearning.org

*(excellent source for all
parents)

www.childbrain.com

www.sparktop.org (for
kids)

*We also have an extensive
library of informational
books that we encourage
parents to checkout. (See an
EC teacher)

“The mind is not a vessel to be
filled but a fire to be kindled”
– Plutarch

The Exceptional Children's
Program at CFCI

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special needs*



What to expect at CFCI for your child with special needs

Currently the Exceptional Children's Program at CFCI :

*supports approximately 70 children with various needs in Kindergarten through 8th grade with mild disabilities

*3 EC teachers as support for students—currently we have a

*K-3 EC Coordinator
and support teacher

*4-5 support teacher

*6-8 support teacher

*An assistant that helps support the EC program

*Utilizes pull out as needed for small group instruction

*All students participate in the standard curriculum and take the NC EOG tests, Writing tests and Computer Competency Skills Test

*Contracted Related Service Staff
(Speech, OT, PT, Psychologist)

*We **do not** have any self-contained classes or classrooms at CFCI

CFCI's Philosophy

The philosophy at CFCI is to **include** children with special needs in the typical classroom setting to the greatest extent possible according to their needs.

This decision is driven by the **IEP team** and follows federal guidelines to have students participate in the *Least Restrictive Environment Appropriate* for their needs.

At CFCI we appreciate the unique learning styles of students with special needs and strive to utilize innovative, research based techniques to help all students achieve academic success.

CFCI is a public school thereby all federal guidelines for **IDEA** are implemented. However, we are also a charter school and a school of choice. CFCI follows an instructional model based on *Inquiry*.

We feel as if it's important for parents to understand the nature of **Inquiry Based Instruction** at CFCI in order to make an informed decision on whether or not it will be the best educational experience for their child.

*Please review the following information on Inquiry to understand what type of learning experiences your child will be participating in if you should choose to send your child to CFCI.

*Please keep in mind that, as in any school, the nature of the instruction and expectations become more rigorous as your child get older.

Please call the EC office to speak to one of our teachers if you should have any questions 910-362-1022

How *Inquiry* looks and what is expected of students at CFCI;

***high levels of student self-directed learning**

***research and completion of *Inquiry* Projects**

***Open ended questioning that requires higher order thinking skills**

***hands-on activities and instruction**

***deep and meaningful exploration of curriculum standards**

***independent reading**

***student self-reflection**

***engagement in project completion out side of school**

***continually making connections across subject areas through integration**

***act as a positive participant in our integrated social curriculum**

What you will not see at CFCI:

***repetitive practice –rote learning**

***busy worksheets**

***traditional text books**

***direct instruction programs**

***a lot of teacher directed lessons**