

# Developmental Classroom

Learning Independence and Fostering Excellence

## Developmental Class Program Objective

Seapco's Developmental Classroom is a special education classroom designed to provide individualized curriculum to students in a variety of areas. The ultimate outcome of the program is for students to gain access in their community through improvements in mobility, communication, and socialization. Students in this program are medically fragile and need medical care in addition to socialization, mobility and communication.

## Who We Are And What We Do

Instruction is based on a functional curriculum that incorporates academics, daily living and vocational skills. Our Developmental Classroom focuses on mobility, communication, socialization and medical care to participate fully in their community.

The program focuses on teaching students how to independently complete daily living tasks based on their individualized needs and abilities. Students are taught through instruction, demonstration, reinforcement, hands-on practice, and adult and peer feedback.

## Who We Serve

Our Developmental Classroom provides instruction in a self-contained special education setting within the public school setting. All students in this program have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) which includes goals that are aligned to the students' identified areas of need focused on everyday life skills. The students are medically fragile and require additional care through highly trained staff with nursing support. Our programs can serve students from kindergarten through 22 years of age. Students in these programs have been determined by the educational team to require an intense functional curriculum incorporating mobility, communication, socialization and medical care to participate fully in their community.

## The LIFE Experience

Students participating in Seapco's Developmental Class The classroom focus continuously revolves around communication skills, maximum independence, and endless opportunities to generalize skills in real life settings. Students have opportunities to participate in activities within the general educational setting with typically developing peers, as well as exposure to activities within the community. Related services are provided according to the students' identified needs.

## Programs and Locations:

**Developmental Classroom**  
**Norwood Primary School** Classrooms Gr. K-12+  
**Bartonville Grade School** ECE

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