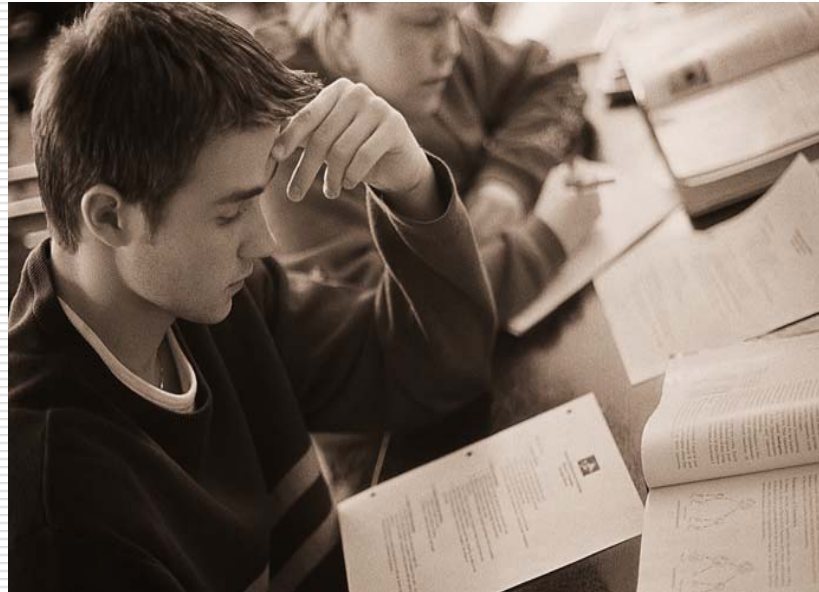


Behavior Support Class (BSC) Services



**Houston Independent School District
Office of Special Education Services**

Why are BSC services provided?

- ❑ To assist students to progress academically and increase student achievement.
 - ❑ To prepare students to return to a more inclusive environment such as general education or resource services.
 - ❑ To increase appropriate student interactions and coping skills. Provision of social skills instruction is an integral part of BSC services.
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How are BSC services identified for students?

- ❑ HISD provides Special Education Services that meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.
 - ❑ The Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee identifies interventions and supports to meet student needs in less restrictive instructional settings to the maximum extent appropriate.
 - ❑ The ARD Committee identifies the schedule of services for eligible students, based on student needs. Therefore, the ARD committee determines when BSC services will be provided.
 - ❑ Students receiving BSC services exhibit significant behavioral challenges that require intensive interventions. Students also receive instruction in academic areas and in utilizing appropriate social skills.
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Are BSC services available on all HISD campuses?

- No, BSC services not offered on all HISD campuses
- The services are available on identified elementary, middle and high school schools.



How are BSC services provided?

- A special education teacher and a paraprofessional are assigned to provide BSC services.
 - BSC services may be provided in a special education or in general education, based on student needs.
 - Students receive instruction in academic areas and in social skills.
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What curriculum and materials are used to provide BSC services?

- ❑ Instruction is based on the student's IEP goals and objectives.
 - ❑ Goals and objective in academic content areas are aligned with CLEAR/TEKS and are commensurate with the student's functioning level.
 - ❑ The Office of Special Education Services identifies materials for academic and social skills instruction for BSC services.
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What are some types of staff training development training provided for the BSC teachers and paraprofessionals?

- Knowledge and competency in core academic content areas
 - Alternative methods, materials, strategies for teaching
 - Behavior modification principles and techniques
 - Managing classroom behavior
 - Individualized instruction and diagnostic programming
 - Crisis intervention techniques and strategies
 - On-going professional development and training throughout the school year
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What curriculum is used for Social Skills instruction in BSC services?

- ❑ Skillstreaming is used to teach appropriate social and interactive skills
 - ❑ The curriculum provides real-life situations through modeling, role-playing, performance feedback and using learned skills at home and in the community
 - ❑ The curriculum helps build students' self-esteem, self-control, respect for the rights of others and a sense of responsibility for one's own action
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What is the Level Management System?

- The Level Management System is a positive reinforcement system that promotes appropriate behavior.
 - The Level Management System has four levels
 - The students earn points to move through the Level Management System
 - Points are indicated on a Daily Point Sheet for student and parent review
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Parent Resources - English

- ❑ <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/>
 - ❑ <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html>
 - ❑ <http://www.cec.sped.org/>
 - ❑ www.chadd.org
 - ❑ <http://www.nichcy.org/resources/behaviorhome.asp>
 - ❑ <http://www.nau.edu/ihd/positive/ovrvw.html#CaregiverSupport>
 - ❑ http://www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/inclusivecommunities/challenging_behavior.html
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Parent Resources - Spanish

- http://www.chadd.org/webpage.cfm?cat_id=13
 - <http://www.nau.edu/ihd/positive/sumario.html>
 - <http://www.pbs.org/parents/siteguide/spanish/>
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Who do I contact for additional information?

- Please contact Stephanie Stafford-Cole in the Office of Special Education at 713-892-6700 if you need additional information.
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