

What's a Continuum of Services as Required by Law?

❖ **General education setting**

- **With Consultative Support:** scheduled weekly meetings between the special education and general education teacher; some direct observation/instruction by the special education teacher in the general education setting.
- **With Collaborative Support:** scheduled weekly co-planning meetings and direct instruction/co-teaching by the special education teacher provided in the general education classroom.
- **With Resource Support:** special education support provided in a resource classroom either pull-out or as an additional remediation/support class .
 - Resource support can be either pull-out or as an additional class.
 - A resource service
 - *reviews* current age-appropriate core content,
 - provides prior knowledge necessary to learn age-appropriate core content, and
 - builds skills as addressed in IEP objectives.

❖ **Part-time self-contained, part-time general education setting without support (no consultative services)**

- Special education teachers of self-contained classes addressing SOL content must co-plan regularly with general education teachers.

❖ **Part-time self-contained, part-time general education setting with support (consultative services)**

- Special education teachers of self-contained classes, co-plan SOL content with general education teachers.
- Special education teachers consult with general education teachers who are serving the students on their caseloads.

❖ **Full-time self-contained setting**

- All academic instruction is provided by special education teachers. Student has very little contact with peers that are non-disabled .

❖ **Special day school**

❖ **Hospital/Homebound**

* Paraprofessionals may provide some, but not all, instruction in the general education and special education classroom. This instruction is always under the direction of the special education teacher. There should be consultative services, to some extent, even if a paraprofessional is assigned full-time to a general education classroom.