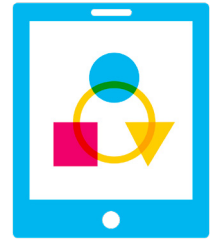


Simplify Management of
Critical Data & Documentation to
**Improve Support
for Students with
Different Needs**

with PowerSchool Unified
Classroom[®] Special Programs

Unified Classroom[®] Special Programs



Unified Classroom Special Programs helps educators effectively manage all of their special education, Section 504, English language learning (ELL), gifted and talented, and service capture information—all with the convenience of remote access, anytime. Special Programs makes management easy for staff and families with a secure product that meets compliance requirements and integrates directly with PowerSchool SIS.

In 2020–21, about 15% of all public school students received special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). That is about 7.2 million students.¹

However, 98% of the nation’s schools report shortages in special education resources. Additionally, 12.3% of special education teachers leave the profession—almost twice the rate of their general education colleagues.²

Now more than ever, students need effective systems that support progress and achievement over time. Schools and districts that have automated, streamlined, and tailored operations report that they are well-prepared for the future.

Unified Classroom Special Programs offers:

- Convenient special education management
- Automated alerts for 504 eligibility
- Goal setting and tracking for gifted and talented students
- Guided documents and language translation for English Language Learners (ELL) and their families
- Simple and secure digital signature capabilities
- Pre-built service reports for medical billing

¹ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/pdf/2022/cgg_508.pdf

² <https://specialedshortages.org/about-the-shortage/>

According to the U.S. Department of Education, "Improving educational results for children with disabilities is an essential element of our national policy of ensuring equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities."³

Unified Classroom® Special Programs gives educators and staff the support they need to simplify case management, collaborate, save time, and meet compliance requirements with confidence. In turn, students receive high-quality instruction, services, and accommodations for success within K-12 education and beyond.

Unified Classroom Special Programs IEP Document

Student ID	Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	IEP Date	# of Days until next Annual Review	Primary Disability
3090	King	Pedro	Washington Elementary	Fifth grade	07/25/2018	26	Other Health Impaired (Minor)
3258	Borne	Mike	Washington Elementary	Fifth grade	07/30/2018	21	Emotional Disturbance (SBH)
3042	Sample	Kayla	Garfield Elementary	Fifth grade	08/01/2018	19	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
840000679	Barksdale	Brady	Apple Grove High School	Twelfth grade	08/02/2018	18	Developmental Delay (Pre-school o
35092	Dahl	Jennifer	Apple Grove High School	Twelfth grade	08/28/2018	8	Other Health Impaired (Major)
36074	Berg	Anne	Apple Grove High School	Twelfth grade	09/07/2018	18	
3071	Johnson	Katie	Garfield Elementary	Fifth grade	09/09/2018	20	Developmental Delay (Pre-school o
36072	Ham	Nicholas	Washington Elementary	Fifth grade	09/16/2018	27	Cognitive Disabilities
539140	Baptiste	Levy	Apple Grove High School	Twelfth grade	09/21/2018	32	Speech and Language Impairment;
7772	Adams	Monique	Washington Elementary	Fifth grade	09/22/2018	33	Deafness (Hearing Impairment)
592575	Ameen	Lindsay	Apple Grove High School	Eleventh grade	09/22/2018	33	Cognitive Disabilities

Unified Classroom Special Programs Reporting Page



PowerSchool is an absolute dream in the special education realm. It is user-friendly for the provider as well as the data team. The reporting feature is extremely helpful in managing caseloads, data, important dates, and state reporting components. We couldn't be any happier with the product or the support we receive from the PowerSchool team.

LAURIE HANN | Data Coordinator, National Heritage Academies, MI

With more than 20 years of experience, Unified Classroom® Special Programs provides educators, families, and students with the support they need.

Special Programs streamlines the distribution of critical student information and eliminates the manual processes of using disparate systems. This allows schools and districts to provide students with high-quality instruction, services, and appropriate modifications.



Confidence in Compliance

Ensure no steps are skipped with Unified Classroom Special Programs' data validations and workflow case management features. And with PowerSchool's Compliance Team monitoring your state's regulatory changes, you'll always know you can meet new requirements.

EXAMPLE:

In 2021, about 62% of states reported that they "need assistance" or "need intervention" with implementing IDEA in their state.⁴ With Unified Classroom Special Programs, your state's compliance requirements are met, and flexible customization tools allow you to adapt to your district's needs.



Easy Case Management & Document Configuration

Reduce administrative burdens by helping your staff streamline all the paperwork with guided workflows. Gain the flexibility to customize documents your way, on your time, from anywhere.

EXAMPLE:

According to the U.S. Department of Education (2021), the number of children ages 5-21 served under IDEA, Part B has increased by more than half a million students, or more than 12%, since 2012.⁵ With an increased number of students needing special education services, it is essential to have a system that is easy to use.

⁴ <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/2021-determination-letters-on-state-implementation-of-idea/>

⁵ <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/osep-fast-facts-school-aged-children-5-21-served-under-idea-part-b-21/>



Integration within the PowerSchool Ecosystem

Provide staff with one place to collaborate and easily access important documentation for students requiring special programs.

EXAMPLE:

Providing complete student support—including gifted and talented, English Language Learners (ELL), and students with disabilities—means having programs that work for all students. Special Programs helps make IEP compliance checks, evaluations, and other state-required reporting easier by integrating with other PowerSchool products. Unified Classroom® Special Programs integrates with PowerSchool SIS, Unified Classroom® Schoology Learning, Unified Classroom® Performance Matters, Unified Insights, Unified Talent™ Professional Learning, and PowerSchool Enrollment.



Collaboration with Families

Engage parents and guardians by providing convenient, web-based access to forms and student progress in our parent portal. To increase accessibility, forms like IEPs and 504 Plans can be translated into a parent's preferred language by using our integrated translation tool. Microsoft Immersive Reader allows for a plethora of other accessibility options for families.

EXAMPLE:

With the Special Programs Digital Signature option, families can review and sign consent documents, IEPs, 504 Plans, and more—all online.

Unified Classroom[®] Special Programs offers:



- ✓ Integration with PowerSchool SIS
- ✓ Integration with Unified Classroom[®] Schoology Learning, the leading K-12-focused LMS available today
- ✓ Native, legally compliant Digital Signature
- ✓ Personalized alerts in PowerSchool SIS indicating which students have a plan
- ✓ Access to critical documentation in PowerSchool SIS
- ✓ Language translation at no additional cost
- ✓ Increased accessibility with Microsoft Immersive Reader
- ✓ Workflow case management





We'll be with you every step of the way

Having a system to manage special education, Section 504, English language learning (ELL), gifted and talented, and service capture is critical to the success of students. We make sure you're up and running quickly and smoothly, and we also help you train your team and establish processes to support changing to a new system.

Planning

Including:

- Planning meeting with Customer Education to determine objectives and priorities.

Technology and Platform Setup

Including:

- Agile project management in partnership with customers.
- Best practice consultation.
- Customized platform setup.

Training and Rollout

Including:

- Virtual and onsite options to ensure that your staff is prepared to leverage Unified Classroom® Special Programs to its full potential.
- Connect Unified Classroom Special Programs to your PowerSchool ecosystem to enable features like SSO via AppSwitcher and more.

Customer Success and Support

Including:

- Access to the customer success team or a designated customer success manager (CSM) who provides updates about upcoming releases and addresses your questions quickly and efficiently.
- Access to the PowerSchool Community user group to post questions and share best practices with other customers.
- Networking opportunities with other PowerSchool users through monthly PowerUp sessions designed to share best practices, tips and tricks, and more.
- Access to an Education Impact Consultant as needed who can provide best practice guidance for successful adoption.



Unified Classroom[®] Special Programs is Helping Districts Across the Country.

Improved State Compliance

“PowerSchool is making us nearly 50% more efficient, saving at least 70 administrative hours every year, and has improved state compliance from below 50% to 92%.”

Elizabeth Clark | Special Education Coordinator, Former Teacher,
Dillingham City School District, AK

Data Driven Decision-Making

“PowerSchool Special Programs has improved our data and reporting to the state level. I am able to capture what is really happening with our students in intervention programs and special education. I use this information to make data-driven decisions for student teams to determine eligibility in IDEA. The ease of use of PowerSchool Special Programs allows teachers to navigate quickly through the IEP process, and the ability to share up-to-the-minute information with general education teachers.”

Kendra Burke | Special Education Administrator; Lee’s Summit R7 School District, MO

Ease of Use for Teachers and Administrators

“We use Special Programs for IEPs. It allows teachers to write IEPs more efficiently, which allows them to spend more time in the classroom with students. The ‘insert statements’ part of the program is especially helpful.”

Heather Woodward | Director of Special Education; Clovis Municipal School District, NM

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