

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the first step in placing a student in Resource?

The student must be tested by a qualified clinician who administers a standard diagnostic battery of an individual I.Q. test and an individual achievement test. The school prefers that testing be done by the Prep Psychometrist. Test results must be current (not more than three years old) in order to be used for placement.

2. What must test results indicate?

Test results must indicate a learning disability in any one of the following areas:

1. Reading Recognition
2. Reading Comprehension
3. Math Calculation
4. Math Reasoning
5. Written Language
6. Listening Comprehension

3. How is a learning disability defined?

Prep defines a learning disability as an area of achievement that is 15 or more points below the highest I.Q. score.

4. What are the Resource placement options at each grade level?

7th grade -

1. Resource study

8th grade -

1. Resource study
2. Resource study, Resource English and Resource Math
3. Resource study and Resource English
4. Resource study and Resource Math

9th grade -

1. Same options as in 8th grade

10th grade -

1. Same options as in 9th grade

11th grade -

1. Resource study
2. Resource study and Resource Math

12th grade -

1. Resource Math

Resource students must take one full credit course in Prep's summer school; however, it is beneficial for Resource students to attend summer school several summers to lighten their academic load during the school year.

5. How are students moved out of the Resource program?

At the end of each school year, the Resource teachers and the students' classroom teachers evaluate each Resource student. Based on those recommendations and consultation with the parents, students may be moved out for the next school year.

6. How are students initially placed in Resource for the 7th grade year?

If an entering 7th grader scores below the fifth stanine on any portion of the Prep entrance exam, then that student must undergo individual testing in order to pursue admission. If the individual testing shows that the student has a learning disability, then that student may be placed in a pool of students who may be offered a place in Resource for the 7th grade year.

7. How many students may be in Resource?

The number is determined by the availability of staff, test results, and the needs of the students.