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# **C.A.R.E. PROGRAM**

Wausau School District

Children with  
**Autism and  
Related  
Educational needs**



# C.A.R.E. PHILOSOPHY

We believe that children with autism spectrum conditions and/or related educational needs are unique individuals requiring specialized educational services based on each student's individualized education plan (IEP).



## PROGRAM GOALS

- Understand that all behavior has communicative intent
- Create an environment that maximizes learning for success with emphasis on independence
- Integrate the student into the regular classroom with their same-age peers as much as possible
- Create a classroom environment that is visually and physically structured to increase the students' ability to access learning
- Provide educational strategies based on individual skills, interests, and needs
- Utilize various communication strategies to develop an effective communication system
- Provide sensory regulation strategies on a continual basis to assist in development of self-regulation

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Kindergarten - 12th Grade
- Placement in CARE Program is based on District program guidelines, student need, and IEP team placement
- Clearly organized, visually and physically structured environments
- Evidence-based instructional approaches supported by ongoing data collection to monitor student progress
- Curriculum needs are determined individually and include a wide range of services offered in the inclusion setting to a more structured functional setting
- Strong emphasis on functional communication systems
- Social skill instruction on an individual and/or group basis
- Use of sensory diet strategies to assist and help facilitate self-regulation