**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION**

* What is special education?

Special education is described as a specially designed instruction that meets the unique needs of a child who has a disability.

* What is the role of special educator?

Special educator makes it possible for your child to achieve academic success in the least restrictive environment despite disability along with holistic development of an individual.

* What is special education program?

Special education program includes:

* A specific program for your child
* IEP formulation
* Setting both long term and short term goals
* Modifications in the educational program such as curriculum and teaching methods.
* What is IEP?

IEP stands for individualized education program which is developed by the special educator after assessing the functional level of the child. The goals for your child will be decided and various teaching strategies and methodologies were included in the action plan.

* How much time special education will take?

The number of sessions depends upon the child’s disability and performance in the session.

**Interaction with teachers and parents**

* Special educator plan IEP in collaboration with parents.
* Parents were guided for the action plan.
* Parents were counselled about their contribution in the program which can enhance the performance of the child.
* Workshops were conducted to create awareness about disability and how to incorporate various strategies in their teaching practices to benefit children with disability.

**Benefits of special education**

* Holistic development
* Boosting confidence
* Develop social skills
* Moral values
* Life skill training
* Helps in behavior modification
* Academic difficulties
* Concentration and attention
* Brain gym exercises
* How do we identify a special needs child?
* Referred by teacher
* Classroom observation
* Screening(informally) Checklist
* Who all can visit special educator?

All children with or without disability can visit special educator. Special educator can help children who are facing emotional issues, social isolation or academic problem.

* In case of reference

After informal screening if there is a need for formal assessment, parents are guided by clinical psychologist . After reviewing the reports, the child is referred for various services like OT, PT, ST etc.

* What a special educator do in a school setting?

Focuses on early intervention program. Early identification helps in implementing early intervention program that will help in early recovery. Initial stage of identification would take lesser time to heal or recover then later stages.

* IEP formulation
* Goal setting
* Modification
* Accommodation
* Adaptation (depending upon the level of child)