



Autism Specialist as Case Manager for STAR Program

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The STAR Program (**S**tudents **T**ransitioning to **A**cademic **R**eadiness) is designed to support the academic and social success of our currently enrolled ANS students who are on the autism spectrum (Pathways-8th) and/or students who have a combination of goals related to Social skills, Communication, Executive Functioning, and/or Inferential Reasoning. We believe that students on the autism spectrum will learn best when they learn and play with their classmates in the mainstream classroom for most of the day, but we also believe that our students with autism will benefit from receiving specialized instruction for part of their day. In a setting with reduced sensory input and social demands, we can better support students to learn to self-regulate their emotions, actions, and attention to assure that they are growing in their communication, social, literacy, and math skills.

The Case Manager is ABA-trained and supports the Community of Practice for Communication Partners, Inclusion Leads, and Teachers for tiered support.

Case Manager Responsibilities

It is the case manager's responsibility to ensure that all specialized and/or related services are provided to the child as outlined in the student's **ANS Inclusion Plan** and make a good faith effort to assist the student to achieve the goals listed in the plan.

General Description: A Case Manager is a licensed teacher or related service provider who is a member of the ANS Inclusion Team and is responsible for coordinating instruction and related services for the student. The Case Manager will coordinate the delivery of individual learning services inside and outside of the classroom during the school day and will be the primary contact for parents.

Primary Responsibilities for the Case Manager are:

- To assure compliance with procedural requirements and accommodations
- Communicate and coordinate among home, school, and other agencies regular and special learning programs
- Provide specialized instruction to support student goals that reflect best practices and high-impact instruction.
- Facilitate placement
- Train classroom staff



- Schedule team meetings
- Observe classrooms and support teachers implementing effective strategies for students

These are not the Primary Responsibilities of the Case Manager:

- Conducting or writing a comprehensive evaluation
- Complete assignments the students have not been able to complete in the classroom

