

## Special Education

We are proud of the quality special education services that are provided in the Crook County School District (CCSD). Committed, talented, and energetic teachers, para-professionals, and administrators serve students with disabilities in the district. Our special education is carefully coordinated with the general education program, as well as other services such as English Language Learner (ELL) and Title I programs. The following underlying assumptions guide the organization and provision of special education in the district:

- *Special education is a service that should be brought to the students in the typical environments in which they would be educated if they did not have a disability.*
- *Students with disabilities should have exposure to the rich curricular, instructional, and social opportunities of the general education system.*
- *Students with disabilities should be held to rigorous academic standards.*
- *Accountability for meaningful progress is a commitment we take very seriously.*
- *Families are essential partners in making educational decisions for students.*

Nearly all students with disabilities in CCSD are educated at their neighborhood schools. They receive a full range of appropriate special education and related services there, both in the general education setting and in pull out small groups or individual instruction. A very small number of students are educated in specialized programs, mostly inside of the district. This system of inclusive education is dependent upon strong working relationships between general and special education and full support from administrators.

