

SPOTLIGHT ON HILLS AND DALES - PRIMARY CLASS

The students in the Hills and Dales Primary classroom range in grades between kindergarten through 6th grade. We currently have students from Greenfield, Hillsboro, and Bright Local School Districts. The class capacity is 8 students. There is currently one teacher, one instructional aide, and a nurse who is designated specifically for one student.

The students are taught things specifically outlined in their Individual Education Plan. A team of individuals develops this plan yearly. This team usually consists of a school district representative, parents, class teacher, speech pathologist, adapted physical education teacher and the school nurse when necessary. The IEP focuses on skills that the student does not possess or does not consistently demonstrate. Some student's IEP may have academic goals regarding reading, math, or science. However, other students may have goals regarding daily living skills such as personal hygiene, feeding, and toileting.

Students grades 3rd through 8th and 10 participate yearly in the Alternate Assessment. We will receive the results of these assessments at the end of April. It is the special education equivalency of the proficiency test. Students in these grades are asked to demonstrate specific skills related to Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. The students do exercises or activities relating to these skills and the results are documented and sent into the state. The state then has them evaluated and issues their local school district the results stating whether the student has passed the criteria of the assessment. This school year, 5 out of 6 students in the primary class were required to participate in the Alternate Assessment.