



>>> Mize Addition Complete

The Mize Elementary building addition, which was started in February 2023, was completed in October 2023! The new addition serves as a specially designed space for the "Connections A" Center-Based special education program. The new addition was designed with the unique needs of the students in the Connections A program in mind. By adding a new, specially designed space to the existing facility this allowed Mize to reclaim classrooms for general education students and accommodate future enrollment growth. Students and staff are enjoying setting up and designing a space that works best for our most dynamic and unique learners! More details about this new building addition and the opportunity to visit the new space during an Open House is forthcoming.

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for our next SPED Parent Forum on Nov. 16:

Understanding the IEP Process

We're Hiring Paraprofessionals!



USD232 Assistive Technology

Links and Information to Support Student Success Using Assistive Technology Tools

>>> ASSITIVE TECHNOLOGY Resources for Families

Under IDEA Section 1401, "assistive technology service" is defined any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. (Authority:20 U.S.C. 1401[2]) The Assistive Technology Specialists have developed a new website. Be sure to check out the resources for families linked here: [USD232-AT](#)



Be sure to check out the information about snap and read & read and write! These tools are available for all students in USD 232!

>>> DID YOU KNOW? AAC

An augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device, is a tablet, laptop, switch or other tool that helps students communicate and interact within their educational setting. In USD 232 specialists help support students, and staff in navigating these tools in order to help increase students ability to communicate independently. You can find more information about AAC here: [USD232-AAC](#)



>>> WHO'S WHO? Speech- Language Pathologist



Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are an integral part of a child's IEP team and a huge support to the teachers they work with. SLPs are known as a "Related Service" on a child's IEP meaning they provide developmental, corrective and supportive services for students with disabilities. An SLP's role is supporting our students' language development and speech/fluency development both in a therapy setting and helping students to generalize those skills in their classrooms. Often times, the SLPs that serve students in the USD232 district serve students in multiple buildings--so you might see your favorite SLP zooming from one place to another. There's never a dull moment in the life of an SLP!

>>> USD 232 PARENT FORUM: UNDERSTANDING THE IEP PROCESS

The upcoming [SSAC Parent Forum](#) on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. is focused on Understanding the IEP process. Lee Hanson, USD 232 Director of Special Services, will be guiding our parents on the basic fundamentals of the IEP Plan, effective collaboration as an IEP team member, and measuring success within the IEP process and implementation. Please consider joining us for a great night of learning by [signing up here!](#)

>>> COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Mini-Resource Fair Prior to Parent Forum from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. featuring:

- **PRE-ETS**
 - Employment Transition Services
- **CDDO**
 - The Johnson County Community Developmental Disabilities Organization
- **Parents As Teachers (PAT)**

