SDI makes Special Education special!

Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) is teaching a child based on their particular needs, taking their disability and IEP goals into account and encouraging access to the same classwork that every child is taught.

What are some examples of SDI?

- Instruction in small groups
- Teacher created learning centers
- Integrate themes into lessons
- Chunk information into small parts
- Modeling information for the child
- Reducing quantity of responses
- Pre-teaching concepts
- Using visual supports
- Verbal cues or prompts
- Use assistive technology for support

What does SDI look like for my child?

- Based on the specific needs of a child
- Addresses academic, social, behavioral, communication, and functional skills.
- Teaching takes place where it is appropriate for the child. It can be in general or special education classes.
- Goals can be taught by general education or special education teachers and support staff.
- The teacher adapts the lessons plans taught to the individual student.
- Helps child achieve their annual Individual Education Program (IEP) goals.

Does my child receive SDI and why?

If your child has an Individual Education Program (IEP), he/she will receive SDI as a part of that program. It is important that goals are written to address your child’s specific strengths and challenges.