

Connecting With Mercy



DORIS KLAUSSEN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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Part of the Calhoun Intermediate School District 269-660-2732

Mission: to develop the highest level of independence possible for each student, using sound research-based methods of instruction.

In 1975, Congress passed a law that guarantees a free public education, geared to their individual needs, for every child who has a disability. Prior to that, these children were kept at home, were placed in a facility, or might have gone to a program in a church or childcare play center.

Now known as IDEA, (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) the law continues to open up opportunities for students with handicaps to develop daily living skills, communication, social skills, pre vocational skills and more, leading them toward a level of independence. While many students with a mild disability can attend school with their peers, The Doris Klaussen Center plays a key role in delivering services to students with moderate and severe disabilities in our county. 67% of the current DKDC students are underprivileged

Under IDEA, every state must also offer a “Child Find” program. This requires outreach to the youngest population, from birth through age 3. If your child’s early development seems to be problematic (example: not sitting up or babbling when expected) parents can contact Calhoun ISD “early-on” staff with their concerns. A free home visit from an early childhood expert is available.

Collecting teaching supplies and school clothes for students at DKDC on April 22 & 23, 2023

Books for toddlers up to middle School

Boys & Girls Sizes 10-16, clothing
new or gently used.

Sweatshirts, sweatpants, tee shirts
Pants, shirts

Craft materials

Large beads
Construction paper
Silk flowers
Yarn
Washable markers
Other craft materials