
**DIVISION OF COMPENSATORY
EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES**

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The Division of Compensatory Education and Support Services was created in 1988. It administers and supervises federal and State programs for economically and socially deprived children. The Division works with local school systems to develop, implement, and evaluate educational programs for educationally disadvantaged children as authorized by federal law (P.L. 100-297) and State law (Code Education Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-107). The Division coordinates migrant education programs and supervises educational programs for neglected and delinquent children in local and State juvenile institutions and adult correctional institutions. The Division also assists local school systems to increase parent participation in the education of their children.

The Division helps local school systems and community-based organizations develop, implement, and evaluate programs in guidance, pupil personnel, psychology, health, career employability development, and alternative programs for disruptive and at-risk students. The Division allocates federal and State funds to local school systems serving these youth. The Division also works to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to public education. In addition the Division oversees an innovative educational program—the Rural School Nurses Program.

**COMPENSATORY & MIGRANT
EDUCATION BRANCH**

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The Compensatory and Migrant Education Branch was created in 1988. The Branch helps local school systems design, implement, and evaluate educational programs for educationally disadvantaged children.

PUPIL SERVICES BRANCH

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The Pupil Services Branch was formed in 1966. The Branch assists local school systems with programs for guidance, pupil personnel, school psychology, school health, alternative programs for disruptive students, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention, and pregnant and parenting teens. The Branch also provides information and collects data relating to students taught at home.

**CAREER & EMPLOYABILITY
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**

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The Career and Employability Development Branch was formed in 1989. The Branch helps local school systems and other agencies design, implement, and evaluate programs, services, and strategies to prepare youth for employment. The Branch works to encourage school attendance and ease the transition from school to work. The Branch also manages and administers the Maryland's Tomorrow Program (drop-out prevention) and the Job Training Partnership Act Program.

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Established in 1988, the Division of Special Education administers State and federal programs for handicapped children and youth. In compliance with State and federal mandates, the Division helps local school systems provide educational programs for all handicapped children and youth. The Division offers assistance to parents seeking public special education for their handicapped children. To provide a comprehensive service network to handicapped children, the Division also cooperates and collaborates with other State agencies.

The Division assists local school systems with individual education plans, nondiscriminatory testing, early childhood programs, personnel development, and program evaluation. It also supervises educational programs and services in approved public and private institutions and assesses the educational needs of children with profound or complex handicaps.

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION &
EVALUATION BRANCH**

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The Program Administration and Evaluation Branch was organized in 1978. The Branch provides technical assistance to local school systems and State-operated programs in their preparation of federal, State and local plans, programs, and budgets for special education. It monitors progress and evaluates the effectiveness of local special education programs. The Branch coordinates training programs for parents and the Principals' Academy (professional development institutes) sponsored by the Division of Special Education.