



Parma Heights Christian Academy

Preparing Children for God's Service

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15

PHCA recognizes that God created each child with distinctive gifts to fulfill His purpose. Inherent with God's design of each child come unique strengths and weaknesses. **Educational Support Services (ESS)** embraces the workmanship of God in the lives of each child by enabling them to develop their God-given abilities. The purpose of the Educational Support Services Program at PHCA is to give students with learning differences additional support to meet their individual needs. The team of teachers serving the students in the program have specialized training in assisting children with learning differences. The teachers collaborate with the classroom teachers to determine the best way to assist students so they can achieve success.

The **Student Intervention Program** is a program designed to help students develop and strengthen their learning skills in order for them to become independent learners. The program aims to:

- Provide student, teacher and parent support
- Assess students with basic academic screenings to determine ability levels
- Develop and implement classroom accommodations and/or modifications
- Develop and implement individualized or small group instruction as needed

Included in our ESS Program are **Speech & Language Services**. Speech & Language Services consist of speech screenings, evaluations, and therapy for qualifying students in the areas of articulation, expressive and receptive language, social skills, and fluency.

The **Discovery Program** is an enrichment program for students in grades 3-6. This is a gifted program offered to students who have scored above average on a cognitive abilities test. Those who qualify for participation in this program meet once a week for 40 minutes during the regular school day. They have the opportunity to interact and work with a group of other students. Each week, students share in a variety of activities that encourage them to think critically, creatively, and logically, and to reason and problem solve. Students develop their God given talents and skills as they explore new concepts and ideas.

It is our desire to provide a quality education to all of our students at PHCA in a way that is beneficial to them, allowing them to reach their fullest potential.