

About Us

Lewis Academy for Students with Special Needs aims to provide a needed educational service to students with disabilities or special needs who have one or more behavioral, social, emotional, and learning disabilities living in southern Trinidad. Supplemental trainings and support will be provided to the families of these children to encourage student academic success. Our aim is to make a great impact in this area of the country so that children can grow up to be productive and functional individuals in society.



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Our Vision

The vision of Lewis' Academy is to prepare students with special needs to attain the highest level of functioning within society.



What We Hope To Accomplish

The aim of Lewis' Academy is to provide educational services to the special needs population of rural Trinidad and their families by treating each child as the success they are and will become. To encourage the highest level of functioning of each student within society-while limiting them being stifled by their-surrounding environment.

Our Target Group

Parents and families with children (ages 5 to 15 years old) with special needs or disabilities who have one or more behavioral, social, emotional, and learning disabilities who lives in rural Trinidad with limited access to educational and supportive services for children and families with special needs. Population will be children entering kindergarten, primary school, and secondary school.

Why We Chose South Trinidad

Rural south Trinidad lacks appropriate services for children with disabilities and special needs who have one or more behavioral, social, emotional, and learning disabilities. Many parents with these children do not have many places close by to obtain an education for their special needs or disabled children. Thus, many families must drive at least one hour away from home to gain services for their special needs child. The demand for services in this underserved area, will continue to grow as more and more parents are educated about their special needs children and want to ensure that their children have a future like those without special needs.

What We Offer

- Special needs schools and programs are for kids who have challenges or disabilities that interfere with learning. They provide support that's not normally provided in general education programs.

- These schools and programs tailor learning to address each child's unique combination of needs.

Adaptations are made to allow kids to meet age-appropriate educational goals.

- They offer a wide range of approaches and services. This may include smaller classes, individualized learning, one-on-one support, self-contained classrooms, resource rooms, and learning aids.

Special needs schools are different from regular schools in that they cater to students with education challenges. They are designed, staffed, and have the resources to provide the right support for children with unique needs.

They don't have a "one-size-fits-all" approach to education. Instead, they offer customized programming to meet each student's unique combination of needs. This includes not just learning, but also social and emotional needs.

Special needs schools and programs offer a wide range of approaches and services to meet this goal. For instance, they may offer:

- Individualized education
- Small classes
- Low teacher-to-student ratios
- Specially trained teachers
- Self-contained classrooms
- Resource rooms
- Tutoring programs
- Academic and psychological counselling
- Learning aids

Our Areas of Expertise

There are many forms of special needs. At LASSN we focus only on the following needs:

- ADHD
- Autism
- ADD
- Dyslexia
- Down's Syndrome
- Hearing Impaired

Our Facility

The identified location provides the following:

1. A building that can provide at least 7-8 classrooms, 2 private offices, a library/ technology room, nursing station and an administrative suite.
2. Wheelchair accessibility
3. Physical classroom environment: Air conditioning, lighting, etc.
4. Safety & Security
5. Playground: Slide, 2 swings, sandbox, monkey bar
6. Kitchen/bathrooms
7. Supply room

