

ACHIEVE PROGRAM

Angier Elementary School
1697 Beacon Street
Waban, MA 02468

Angier Grades: 2, 3, 4, and 5

Overview: Students with specific learning disabilities are supported academically and socially through individualized instruction, small group teaching, and modifications to the general education curriculum. This program is in heterogeneous classes with students without disabilities enrolled in the elementary school and students with disabilities who attend from various neighborhoods throughout the city. The goal of the program is to address students' multiple needs by providing a comprehensive range of services and a consistent, structured and supportive environment throughout the school day. The Achieve Program enables students to fully participate in the general education curriculum, with additional supports to promote progress.

Student Profile: Students receiving supports through the ACHIEVE Program are primarily identified with specific learning disabilities and/or communication disorders. Given direct instruction and with strategies embedded throughout the day, students are working towards meeting grade level benchmarks. Students are working below grade level in literacy skills, and require instruction provided through a structured, sequential, multisensory, systematic approach to ensure all learning modalities are engaged.

Description:

❑ **Staffing:** The staff consists of a full time general education teacher, a full time special education teacher, and a full time intern. The school-based special education team meets regularly to discuss strategies to further support student achievement. A speech language pathologist as well as consultation from a school psychologist and AT specialist also supports the program.

❑ **Programming:** The team utilizes targeted instruction to meet the academic needs of all students within the general classroom environment. Specialists work with students in the general education classroom whenever possible. Both the general and special education staff collaborate to meet students' IEP goals.

Interested interns may contact Principal Loreta Lamberti at loreta_lamberti@newton.k12.ma.us or Michelle Callaghan at michelle_callaghan@newton.k12.ma.us for more information and to schedule an appointment. Interns receive a stipend of \$13,000 for the year. Interns attend IEP meetings, are a member of the grade level Professional Learning Community, attend faculty meetings and participate in professional development opportunities offered through the Newton Public School System.