Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD) has two distinct functions – it provides special education services for all St. Louis County students with disabilities, and it provides technical education for area high school students.

- One in six public school students in St. Louis County receive special education services or technical education from SSD.
- SSD staff provide special education services to students in 265 public schools in 22 school districts in St. Louis County.
- Ninety-seven percent of the students who receive special education from SSD attend a school in their local school district.
- SSD provides special education services to all St. Louis County students with disabilities, including those who attend private, parochial and independent schools, those who are home-schooled and those who are homebound for medical or other reasons.
- SSD’s unique status as a public school district with its own tax base ensures that students in St. Louis County receive equal access to quality special education regardless of their socio-economic background or the neighborhood in which they live.

STUDENTS 2019-2020
Students receiving special education ........ 23,255
Students in technical education ......................... 1,563

STAFF 2019-2020
Teachers .......................................................... 2,723
Paraprofessionals (teacher assistants) ........... 1,904
Other ............................................................... 845

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS
Average experience – professional staff .............. 12 years
Professional staff with advanced degrees ............ 77%

SSD MISSION
In collaboration with partner districts, we provide technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services designed for each student’s successful contribution to our community.

SSD VISION
Partners for each student’s success.

SSD CORE VALUES
Student Success
Collaboration
Integrity
Stewardship
Continuous Improvement
Equity
Accountability

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