



## Shelby County Schools Special Education Department

### Vision

Each student will be empowered to reach his/her greatest potential. Every student has unique strengths, abilities, and interests. These gifts should be fostered and utilized as we work together in supporting his/her maximum independence and self-sufficiency in today's global society.

### Mission

To be the support that bridges our students in meeting their lifelong potential.

To provide the best services for our students, we cannot stand alone. Our most important role is the collaboration we foster with our families, students, teachers, staff, and the community. We accept this responsibility in *bridging* together the various individuals, resources, and technology which contribute to each child's success.

### We are committed to:

**B**uilding relationships with families, students, schools, and the community based upon open and respectful collaboration and communication.

**R**ecognizing the value in educating the *whole* child and his/her unique academic, social, and emotional development.

**I**nspiring *all* students to demonstrate a greater understanding of diversity by not only accepting unique classmates, but taking a more active role through advocacy, support, and educating others both in their school and the community.

**D**eveloping strategies through collaboration to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education to all students.

**G**eneralizing school experiences to real life situations by providing meaningful, authentic, and engaging activities designed to meet all learning styles.

**E**ducating ourselves and others in the latest innovative practices, research, and technology in order to foster exceptional teaching for exceptional children.