

THE WESTVIEW SPECIAL SCHOOL LEARNER:



AGE

- At least 14 years old, but not older than 15 years, 6 months on the first day of school, for the year requesting admission.
- Learners older than 15 years, 6 months will be placed on the waiting list for year 2.
- Placement for learners older than 16 years, 6 months cannot take place; only transfers from other vocational schools will be considered.

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Educable, developed self-help and communication skills.
- Learners being diagnosed with symptoms of oppositional defiance disorder, may not be accepted due to the safety hazards working with machinery and equipment. This includes:
 - Frequent temper tantrums/aggressive outbursts
 - Active defiance and refusal to comply with requests and rules
 - Deliberate attempts to annoy or upset people
 - Substance abuse

ACADEMIC SKILLS

- Able to **read, write and understand** Afrikaans or English on a grade 4/5 level (therefore the ability to continuously grasp and apply the safety protocol within our workshops).
- Ability to understand and perform basic measurements (including the ability to read time).

MOTOR SKILLS

- To be able to function within our workshops, learners need adequate motor skill, especially fine motor skill. Good hand-eye coordination is important (this involves the synchronisation of hands and fingers to perform practical work).

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

- Proven history of learning challenges and interventions reflected within the SIAS document;
- Psychologically assessed by a **registered psychologist** and profiled as having a “mild to borderline intelligence disability” (Use of the SSAIS instrument is advised) – This report may not be older than 2 years.
- Official approval from the Department of Education.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Learners with physical health challenges like epilepsy, hearing loss and minor sight problems etc. may apply. Placement can only be done following a thorough investigation, as learner safety is our concern.

Vocational aim of the 4-year National Occupational Curriculum:

To enter the labour market within the semi-skilled sector with the ability function independently.