MANSEF schools provide services for children and youth who have at least one of the following cognitive, physical, sensory, emotional and/or behavioral disabilities:

- Intellectual Disability
- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deaf Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Other Health Impairments
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disabilities
- Multiple Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Specific Learning Disabilities

Who We Are

Founded in 1975, The Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) is an association of MSDE approved schools serving students with special needs. MANSEF schools are located throughout Maryland and promote quality services for children and youth in partnership with their local public school system.

What We Believe

MANSEF is committed to creating the most appropriate educational opportunities in the least restrictive environment for all Maryland children and youth with disabilities. MANSEF unites a diverse community of educators and parents into an accessible, visible, and effective organization that champions the continuum of services for special needs children and adolescents in Maryland.

Who We Serve

The MANSEF schools serve more than 4000 students each year. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), all children with special needs must receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. Students referred to MANSEF schools, through the IEP process, require specialized services not always available in their local public school.