



Fiesta Especial®

...an educational experience

FIESTA ESPECIAL®

The Fiesta Especial® programs are offered by disABILITYsa, a local nonprofit organization working to educate, advance, and engage individuals with disabilities by sharing information, creating opportunities, and strengthening the organizations that serve them.

Almost every school, if not all, has a unit on Fiesta® during the month of April. Fiesta Especial is an opportunity to bring community instruction and training to your classroom lessons in a safe, family-friendly, alcohol and tobacco free event created for individuals with disabilities.

Fiesta Especial® is a fun and educational experience for students in Special Education programs in San Antonio and surrounding communities. disABILITYsa's Community-Based Instruction & Training program packages together resource materials to supplement or help you build a lesson plan around a Fiesta® community outing.

"I believe Fiesta Especial® includes activities which provide an educational focus and serve to extend school instruction into the community setting. Participants are given opportunities to practice skills related to motor activities, social interactions, functional math and functional reading skills. Additionally, the outdoor setting and variety of activities can be very reinforcing for many of them." Carol Bushnell, Executive Director of Special Education for N.E.I.S.D.

Pre-Event Materials:

- Fiesta® Adapt Book
- Fiesta Especial® Coloring Book and Classroom Discussion on culture and diversity
- Thank You poster design
- Shoebox Float Project

Event Materials:

- Shoebox Parade (11am)
- Scavenger Hunt
- Sign Discovery
- Critical Skills Sheet
- Sensory Station

Supplemental Materials:

- Communication Boards
- Adapt Books

Making Fiesta Especial® Possible

- **Free Admission and unlimited rides**
- **Complimentary Hot Dog lunch**
- **Complimentary Games & Activities**
- **Merchandise and Food options available for purchase**
- **Limited Bus Scholarships Available** (up to \$180)

Participation in the Fiesta Especial® Celebration Day program include schools located in the Alamo Heights ISD, Boerne ISD, Comal ISD, East ISD, Edgewood ISD, Harlandale ISD, Judson ISD, La Vernia ISD, Lytle ISD, Marion ISD, Medina Valley ISD, New Braunfels ISD, North East ISD, North ISD, Pleasanton ISD, Poteet ISD, San Antonio ISD, and Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD.

FIESTA ESPECIAL® ROYAL COURT

This is a very special Royal Court made up of children and adults with all types of disabilities, ages 12 and up. This program helps participants to create visibility for the leadership and contributions individuals with disabilities make in our local community. The Fiesta Especial® Royal Court represents individuals with disabilities amongst the diverse tapestry of people within the San Antonio community during Fiesta®, an annual celebration of our heritage, culture and diversity. Through this leadership and life skills development program by disABILITYsa, participants learn about campaigning, make appearances at schools, hospitals, on TV, and a variety of Fiesta® events. They role model leadership and talk about the contributions they raised in support of programs and services for individuals with disabilities in order to be able to serve on the court. FREE Enrollment in this leadership and life skills development programs opens in May.