Student Support Services Effectiveness Report 2022-2023

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Partnering with families for children's optimal development and success!

Serving families with infants, toddlers and preschool aged children!

NEW- Three state grants awarded with annual total of **\$437,411** resulting in doubling our capacity to serve families!



Home visits are the heart of the PAT program. 77 families, 100 children, 610 home visits



Developmental Playgroups-436 families attended one or more of 22 Play to Learn events





Community
Developmental
Screenings- 229 children
screened 42% scored one
or more domains needed
support





Resource Connectionsover 400 families received resource information. 75 children referred to Early Childhood Intervention or Child Find Services.



Pregnancy Related Services

Pregnancy Related Services Mission: Ensure graduation and support positive parenting skills.





Multi-Tiered Support System

CELEBRATIONS



Year at a Glance:

- NISD had a successful year transitioning from a Response to Intervention framework to a Multi-Tiered Support System, which is centered on the whole child
- 1650 students identified through MTSS closed their achievement gap and were exited from tiered support
- 646 students were identified through the MTSS process and qualified for special education services or 504 services

Next school year...

Elementary MTSS/EB interventionists will split their roles and responsibilities to meet the growing needs of our emergent bilingual students.

Section 504/Homebound



Served 17
 homebound students
 under Section 504



 Over 3,490 students are currently served under Section 504 in NISD.



 Support and training for staff on procedures at all levels.



At-Risk Students



NISD currently serves over 10,590 students coded at-risk based on the 13 state criteria.



McKinney-Vento (Homeless)



- Supported 210 students coded as homeless during the school year, providing transportation, free lunch and/or school supplies to those in need.
- Collaboration with Region 11 and

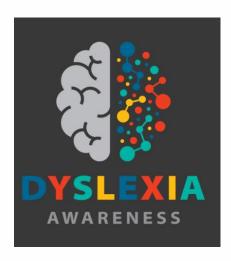
Foster Care

- We are currently tracking over 44 students identified as under the care of Department of Family and Protective Services.
- Provided free lunch and support to families





Dyslexia Services





- Dyslexia Program Evaluation TEA's Division of Review and Support identified program successes in the areas of Parent Communication and Evaluation and Identification. No areas of need were identified. Our overall status is "Meets Requirements".
- Seventeen teachers completed Year One of the state funded *Dyslexia Grant*.
 - Thirteen teachers completed Year One training; seven of these will continue Year Two training.
 - Year One trainees have the option to become certified as Academic Language Practitioners and Year Two trainees have the option to pursue certification as Academic Language Therapists.
 - Four teachers who had begun training independently in 21-22 were able to complete Year Two and will go on to sit for the CALT exam.
- April 11th marked our first **NISD Parent Dyslexia Simulation** night. We had 70+ attend and received very positive feedback.

2023 Summer School Opportunities

Purpose - Provide opportunities for students to strengthen their academic skills this summer through engaging in-person instruction

- Elementary Summer Reading & Math Camp (Grades 3-5 Reading & Math)
- Middle School Summer Reading & Math Camp (Grades 6-8 Reading & Math)
- High School EOC Boot Camp (Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, US History)

Purpose - Provide opportunities for students to repair middle school courses or earn high school credits through virtual, self-paced learning

- Middle School Course Repair
- High School Original Credit Courses
- High School Credit Recovery Courses



Northwest ISD Special Education Department



Special Education Directors



Kris Kelly, Director of Related Services and Instruction



Stacey Parker, Director of Evaluation and Compliance



Special Education Coordinators











Amelia Bowler, Elementary Coordinator

Michelle Hancock, Related Services Coordinator

Lynn Austin, Transition Coordinator

Elizabeth Elliott-Norman, Secondary Coordinator

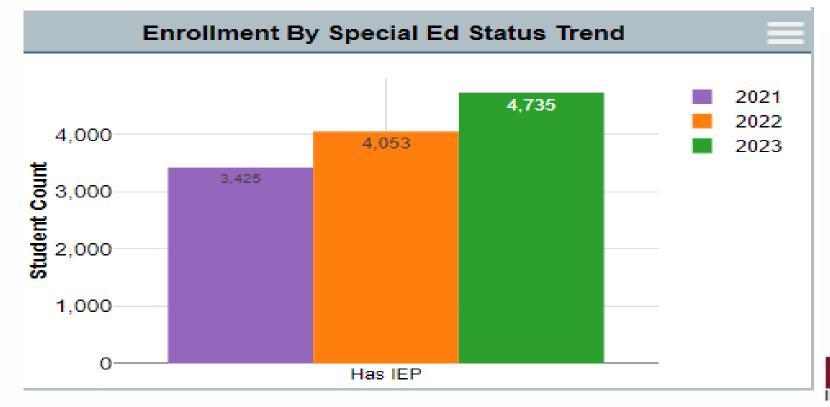
Stacy White, Child Find Coordinator



District View- Students Served by Special Education



Attendance Rate: 93.99%





Number of Staff Trained in De-Escalation and Restraint



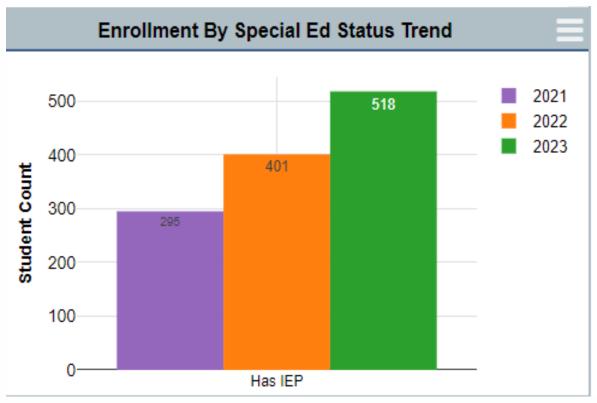
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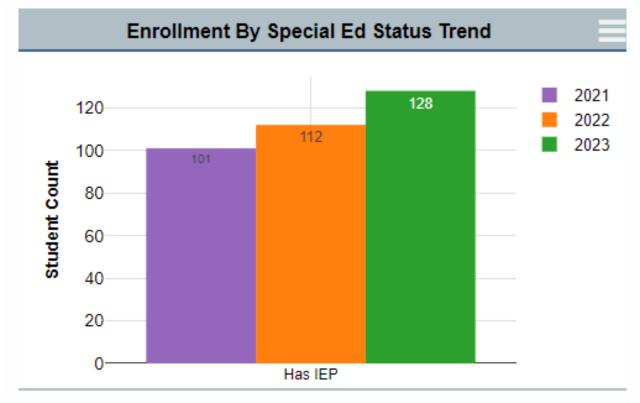


Sharing Students Across Programming

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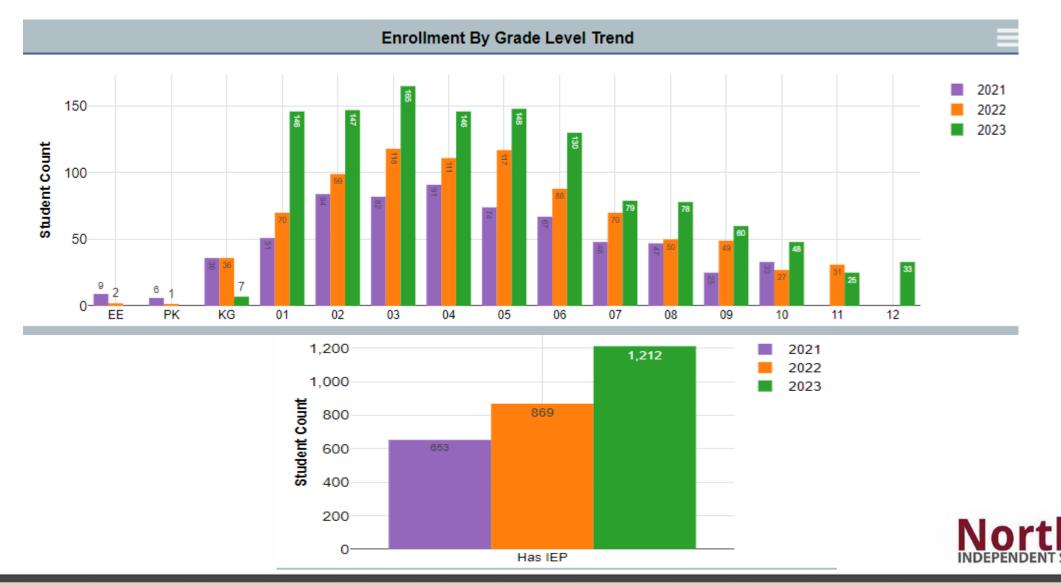
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What happened when we added Dyslexia?



Elementary Growth

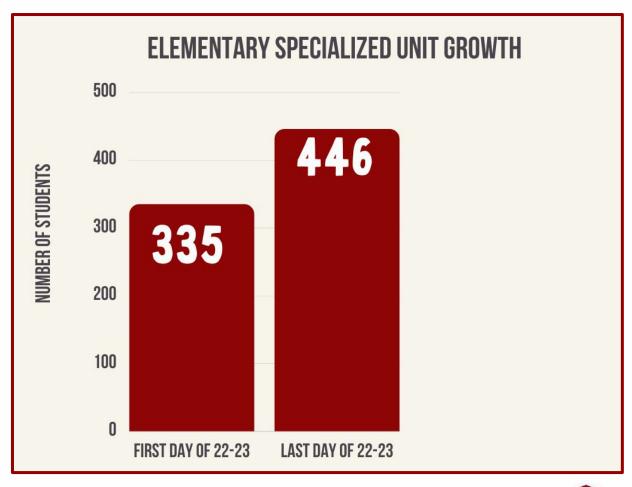
Specialized Units
(PACEE, SLC, SEAC, ECSE)

2022 -2023 First Day of School - 335

2022-2023 Last Day of School - 446

Increase of 111 students

33% Increase





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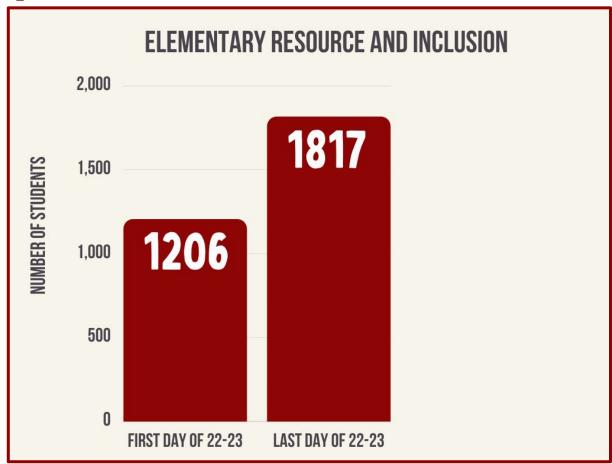
Resource/Inclusion

2022 -2023 First Day of School - 1206

2022-2023 Last Day of School - 1817

Increase of 611 students

50% Increase





Secondary Growth

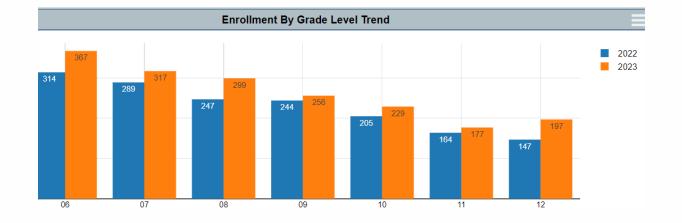
Students receiving special education services

2022 -2023 First Day of School - 1610

2022-2023 Last Day of School - 1842

Increase of students

14.4% Increase





Special Education-Transition at a Glance

Provided training, consultation and/or support for all special education teachers & itinerant staff in all areas of future planning including academic, independent and daily living, and college/career readiness.

Added Transition Coach/Specialist position to help support students and secondary teachers. Heather Crawford started in December.

Together, Lynn and Heather attended and/or completed:

- 128 ARDs
- 162 Transition Planning Meetings with Families of students with significant disabilities
- 383 Transition Planning Meetings with Students
- 67 Collaboration meetings with outside agencies and support services

89% of students with special education services graduated with CCMR 73% of students receiving adult transition services graduated with paid competitive, integrated employment

Offered monthly parent training meetings Hosted the Making Connections Disability Resource Fair (Multi-district event)



Expanded our Transition Services and Partnership with Texas Workforce Solutions

Provided transition related services on each comprehensive high school campus and our adult transition program:

- 6 Week College/Career Readiness Class: What's MY next step? Post-secondary Options: College, Trade School and Apprenticeships.
- 25 week Pre-employment Training Class
- 8-12 week After School Paid Work Experience
- 2 Day Camp focused on development of employability skills: Steps to Employment Success
- Transition Tuesdays/Future Fridays implemented in middle and high schools

Developing
Career
Readiness
Skills













Child Find

Child Find Duty Quick Guide

What is Child Find?



Child Find is the affirmative and ongoing process of public awareness, coordination with agencies and primary sources, and screening procedures to **locate**, **identify**, and **evaluate** all children with disabilities from birth through age 21 who may require early intervention or special education services. This process includes children who are:

Enrolled in a public school and advancing from grade to grade Parentally placed in a private school, homeschool, or attend a virtual school

Highly mobile, including migrant children

Homeless

In foster care or unaccompanied youth

Wards of the state

Involved in the criminal justice system

Residing in nursing homes

2023

ECI referrals: 125

Parent Referrals: 425

Total Early Childhood

Evaluations: 255

DNQ: 20



Special Education Parent Trainings and Involvement

NISD Parent Training Series:

- Special Olympics and Adaptive Physical Education
- Organizing Your Child's Special Education Records
- Understanding the ARD Process and Collaborating for your Student's Success
- Facilitating Social-Emotional Growth and Independence
- Making Connections Disability Resource Fair with Breakout Sessions
 - Guardianship: Rush to the Courthouse or Last Resort?
 - Medicaid Waivers and Financial Planning
 - Help Me Grow-Accessing Services
 - Behavior Management Techniques to use in the Home
 - o Post-secondary options for students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Building Communication Skills
- Promoting Social Skills in the Home and Community

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

Applications accepted and drawing for membership completed through a lottery process



TEA Cyclical Review Dyslexia and Special Education

TEA conducted the cyclical review for Dyslexia and Special Education in March. Both programs were found to be in compliance with no necessary corrective action.



Questions?

