



Special Education Services in Iola ISD

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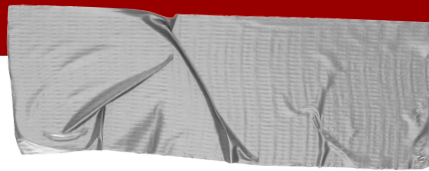
**lola is part of a shared services
arrangement. Member districts share
evaluation staff and administrators.**



Member Districts

Navasota
Anderson-Shiro
lola
North Zulch
Richards





Roadmap for Tonight

- **How does a student qualify for Special Education services?**
State and Federal Laws, Disabilities, Evaluation, and Individualized Education Plans

- **Why are our numbers of students served in Special Education increasing?**
Houston Chronicle (2016), SLD, Dyslexia

- **Iola up close**
District data



Admission Process

Lack of educational progress & suspicion of a disability under the IDEA

Intervention & referral

Evaluation for any of 13 disabilities

ARD committees & the two prongs of eligibility

Development of the individual educational program



Historical Perspective

Houston Chronicle 2016 article *“Denied: How Texas drives thousands of children from special education services”*

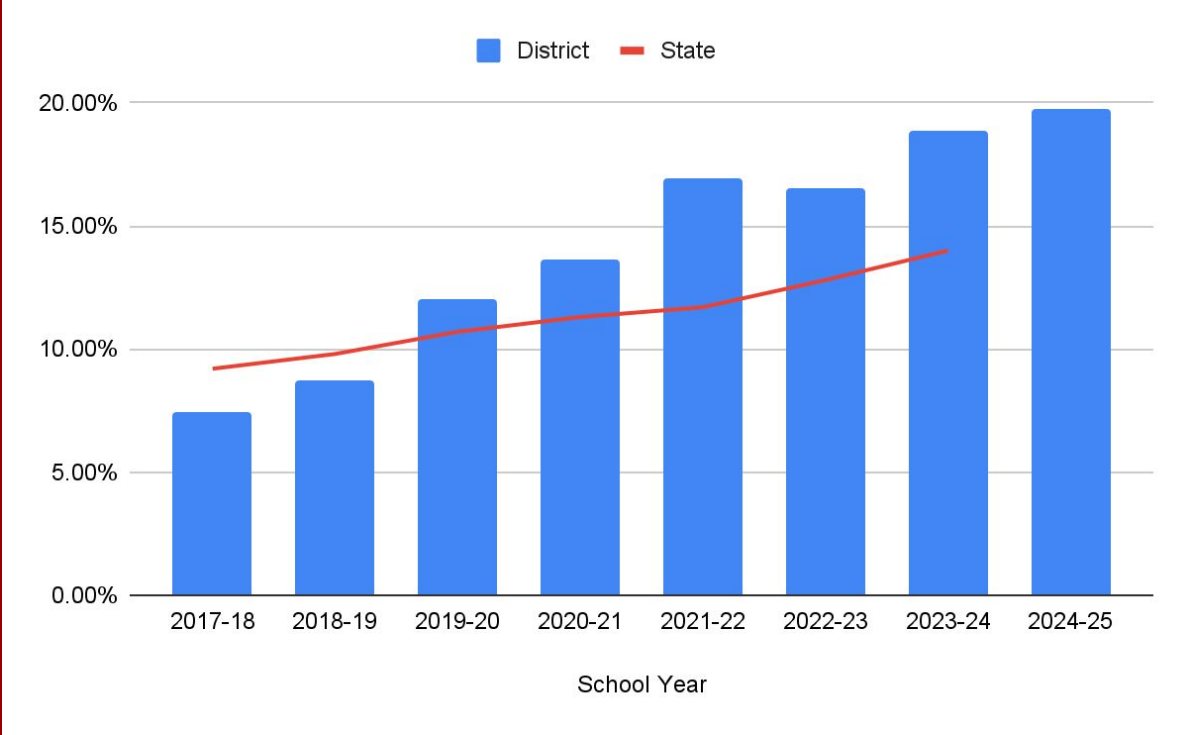
2018-OSEP Letter of Findings

2019-Dyslexia Funding Introduced

2021, 2023, 2024-Dyslexia Handbook Revised



District SPED Growth vs Texas SPED Growth



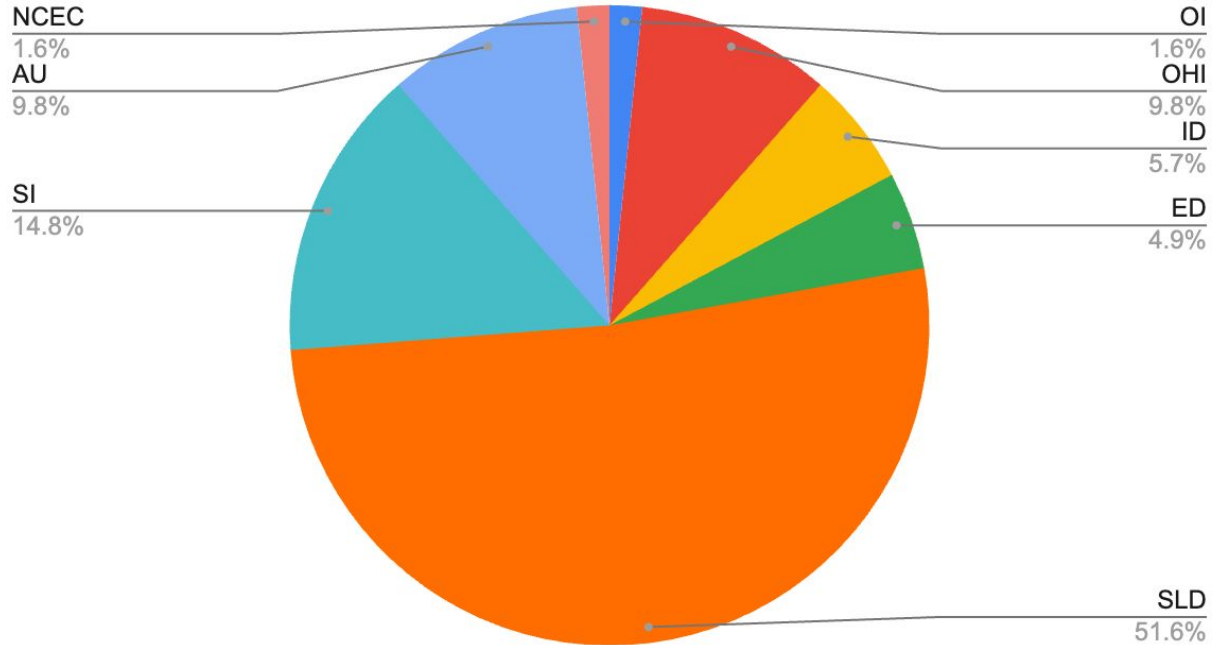
Source: TEA School Report Cards

Iola's Special Education Demographics

Iola ES-62
Iola HS-60
Total-122



Students By Primary Disability



Feedback and Questions?

13 Educational Disability Conditions

- Autism
- Deaf-Blind
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Emotional Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Speech Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Non-Categorical Early Childhood
- Visual Impairment
- Multiple Disabilities