

Syosset Central School District

Opening Doors

Building Community



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Enhancing Opportunities *for Diverse Learners*



Student Success

Creating environments and programs
to meet student need

Foster school communities that thrive
on understanding differing needs and
ways to connect all students

Peer Connections and Awareness

Building Awareness, Acceptance and
Connections among students

Empowering Educators for Success
and Hiring and Training staff to
effectively support diverse learners.

Community Inclusivity

Building partnerships with families to
foster inclusive environments and
increased community engagement

Programmatic Growth

Prior to 2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
<p>12:1:2 Elementary Classes by grade level</p> <p>15:1:1 Middle School Classes</p> <p>15:1 and 12:1:2 High School Program Options</p> <p>ICT Rollout in Elementary and HS Programs</p>	<p>Beginning of Challenger and Unified Sports (basketball)</p>	<p>Addition of RISE program in HBT Middle School</p> <p>Administrative Support for CPSE</p> <p>Additional Social Worker hires - 1 Social Worker per building</p> <p>Addition of Challenger Track and Unified Bowling</p> <p>Community Outreach: Adaptive Softball Clinic</p>	<p>Addition of 9:1:3 Program at Village Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional BCBA• Additional Speech Therapist• Increase in staff with different areas of expertise <p>Addition of Challenger Cheer</p> <p>Community Outreach: Adaptive Softball Clinic AND Unity Tennis</p>	<p>Additional 9:1:3 class at Village Elementary</p> <p>Additional .5 psychologist at HBT</p> <p>Exploration of additional Challenger and Unified offerings</p>

Benefits of Program Development



Early Childhood Collaboration

Communication with CPSE and UPK programs allows the opportunity for continued future planning

Financial Benefits

Saving on out of district tuition and transportation

Possible revenue with tuition-based students from other districts

Building Capacity

Extending specialized support within the district

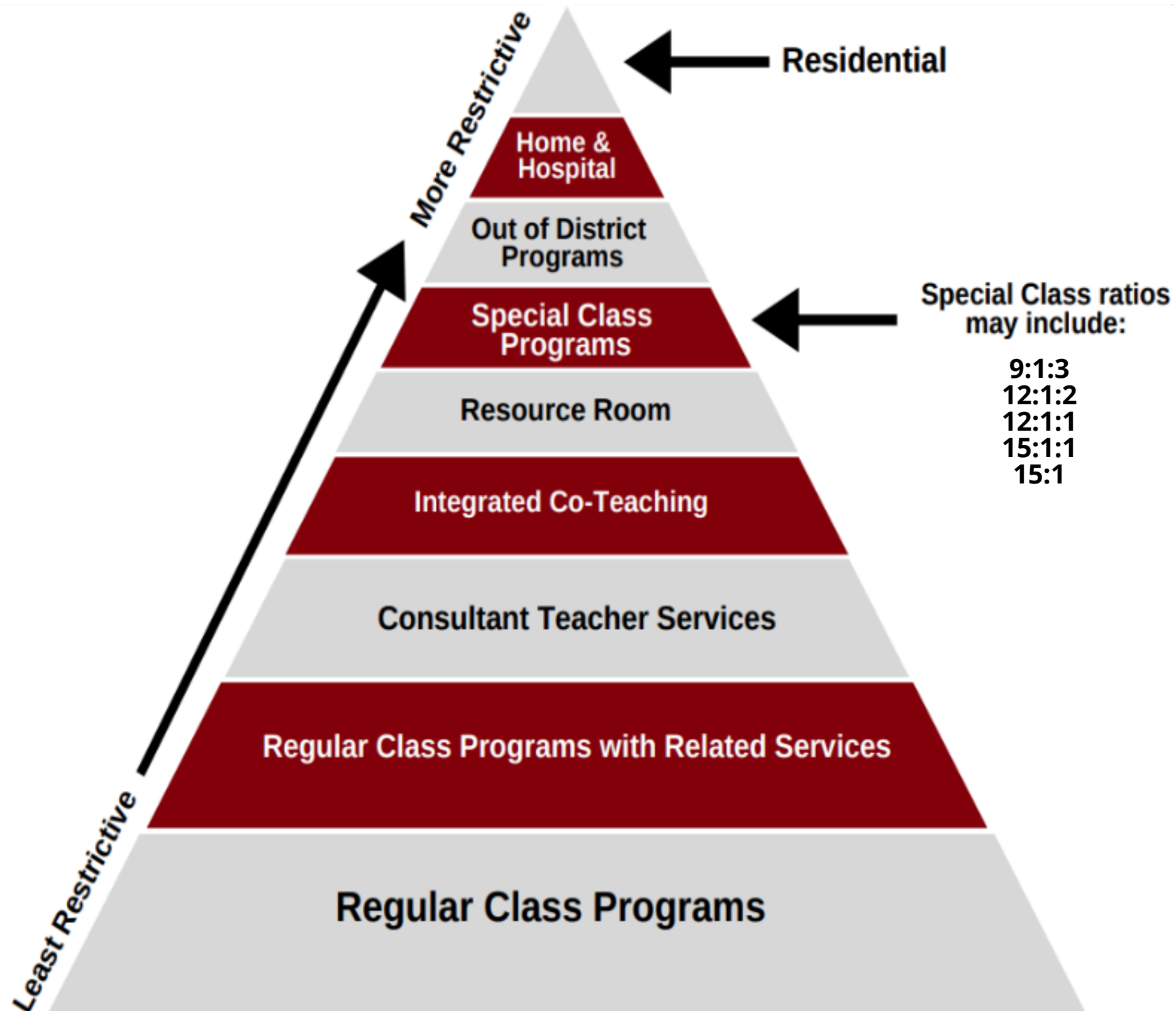
Additional BCBA, Speech Therapist, Teachers, and Administrative Support

Placement Opportunities

Educational flexibility allows for more fluid movement along the continuum and more options of in district LRE (Least Restrictive Environment)

Student Success

Districtwide



**Increasing Opportunities and
Enhancing Least Restrictive
Environments (LRE) in district**

**Peer Engagement and
Education**

**Interdisciplinary Approach
to Learning**

Student Success

Districtwide

Interdisciplinary Approach to Learning



Peer Connections and Awareness



**Awareness and
inclusion of
neurodiverse
learners**

**Supporting
Engagement**

**Building
Empathy**

Peer Connections and Awareness

9:1:3 Village Elementary



Awareness and inclusion of
neurodiverse learners

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Supporting Engagement



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Building Empathy



Peer Connections and Awareness

RISE: HBT Middle School

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Supporting Engagement



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RISE: HBT Middle School

Building Empathy



Building Community

Peer-led Inclusion and Awareness

Unity Tennis



Adaptive Softball Clinic



The WHY and Our Preparation

We first reached out to Ms. An, our elementary school principal to share our idea and help us get started.

Ms. An jumped right in and connected us to Ms. Goldthwaite. We set up a time to meet to review our idea.

We met with Ms. An and Ms. Goldthwaite to get ideas on how to meet the needs of many different students

We worked with our coach and Syosset Little League to get access to the field, equipment, food and drink.

Lastly, we created our flyer, registration forms and spread the word by working with the school and community.



Clinic Time - 1.5 hours

10 mins - Ice-breaker, Introduction, Buddy assignments

10 mins - Stretching/Warm-Up

40 mins - Stations

20 mins - Awards and Lunch

Stations

Throwing and Catching

Fielding

Hitting into Net off of Tee (With Wiffle Ball and Bat)



**Program
Feedback**

Please join us for our 2nd annual adaptive

Softball Clinic

Welcome to all neurodiverse children ages 6-14

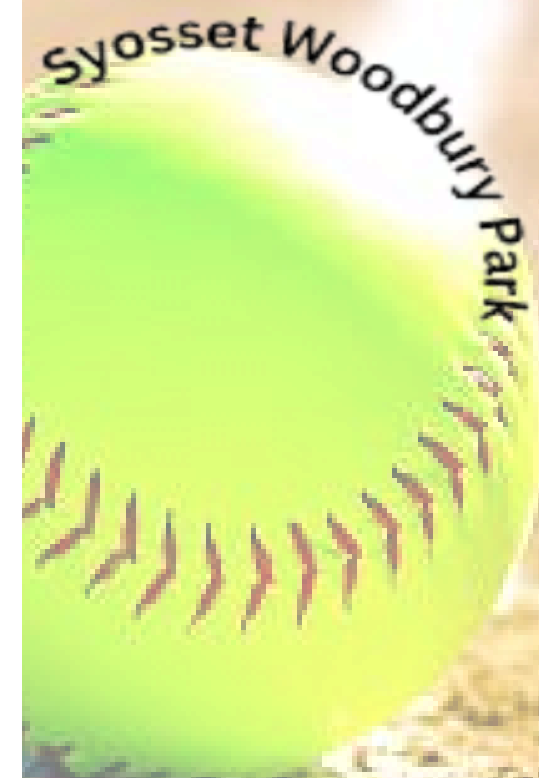
**Sunday, May 18th, 2025
from 12pm-2pm**

This clinic is brought to you by
young leaders in conjunction
with Syosset Little League

**To register, please
create a free account
by clicking on the**

[registration link](#)

**Looking forward to
another great clinic!**



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