



Special Education Year in Review

May 20, 2026 5:30 Zoom Webinar

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Agenda



Welcome

Introduction to our Team

Strategic Plan

Special Education Workgroup

Special Education Parent Advisory Group

Website Updates

Survey

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FOCUS AREAS

Achieving our mission and vision requires the identification of key areas of focus that are fundamental to the continuous and sustainable growth of our students and staff.

Strategic initiatives were developed for the five focus areas outlined below, providing a roadmap for what our priorities will be in each area over the next five years.

1 Academic Achievement

2 Student Wellness & Safety

3 Communications & Engagement

4 Leadership Development & Employee Success

5 Fiscal & Facility Resources



FOCUS AREA 1

Academic Achievement - Special Education

High-Quality Instruction & Curriculum Development

- 1.6 Design and implement a long-term, targeted professional development plan that aligns with district priorities, builds educator capacity, enhances student engagement, and ensures the sustainability of key programs and initiatives for each area related to special education programming.
- 1.7 Develop and implement a cohesive, district-wide approach to instruction for all special education programming by creating and implementing a 10-year curriculum adoption plan.
- 1.8 Implement district-wide assessment tools for all special education programs in order to monitor student progress to inform instruction and student goals.

Equitable Learning & Student Support

- 1.9 Establish a continuum of services for all levels of need for Special Education students, Preschool - Adult Transition.
- 1.10 Increase communication to families regarding student progress beyond the IEP meeting.

College, Career & Future Readiness

- 1.11 Expand opportunities for students on an alternate diploma or certificate of completion track to gain skills in self-advocacy, independent living, and career readiness.



Special Education Workgroup



Four Focus Areas

- Curriculum
- Policies and Procedures
- Pre-Referral
- Programs

Special Education Parent Advisory Group



- Has representation from our school sites across the district
- Has representation from our programs across the district
- Has served as an advisory group for programs
- Is helping us design future parent education opportunities around special education
- Meets Monthly
 - We are thankful for the time each month our committee members have shared with us

Parent Communication



- [Newsletter](#)
- [Website Improvements](#)

Survey



[Survey Link](#)



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