

**Browning Public Schools
Board Report – Special Services Department
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The Special Education Department has been actively preparing for the upcoming 2026–2027 school year. Key activities and priorities during August include:

- **Professional Leadership Development:** Attended the **Elevate MT: The New SAM Summer Leadership Summit** to support continued professional growth and strengthen leadership practices for the upcoming school year.
- **Staff Preparation:** Provided updates and information to Special Education staff regarding expectations, procedures, schedules, and priorities for the upcoming school year.
- **Caseload Development:** Reviewed and updated Special Education student caseloads to ensure students are appropriately assigned to staff and that services can be effectively scheduled and implemented.
- **Special Education Staff Training:** Scheduled professional development and training for Special Education staff. Training topics include:
 - Goalbook Toolkit and its use in developing high-quality IEPs and specially designed instruction
 - IEP development and implementation
 - Special Education procedures and documentation
 - Service delivery and documentation
 - Evaluation and compliance responsibilities
 - Communication and collaboration with staff and related service providers

The focus for August has been on **building strong systems, preparing staff, ensuring compliance, and establishing consistent Special Education practices** across the district for the 2026–2027 school year.