

Director of Special Education Board Report

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After several meetings with Pearson Education, we are changing the way we get out evaluation materials. Most testing is now online and we are going to use a license agreement with Pearson. This will allow us to get updated evaluation and testing materials in real time. Currently, when an assessment is updated, we have to buy the new test and testing kit. Those are usually expensive. This will benefit us moving forward as a district. The school psychologists and our speech and language therapists use assessment tools to evaluate our students.

Over the past 9 months, we have been doing a compliance program with ISBE. During this time, we have sent IEPs, data sheets, IEP checklists, and policy. We have turned in all the final documents and are waiting for final feedback. Once all is approved, there will be a brief follow up later in the winter. After all of this, we should be fine for the next 5 years for special education major compliance. During this process we have updated and created new special education documents.

Our high school instructional program students are going to a Fall Festival sponsored by Carlyle High School. The students are excited about this outing where they will socialize and work on community-based skills.