

# Special Programs Board Report



April 2012

## **Special Education:**

As a component of our annual review and report card for Special Education, ODE has targeted transition as an area in need of additional staff development and resources. We will be using the transition specialist, brokerage firms in McMinnville, as well as McMinnville School District to conduct additional training around the requirements in transition services for students with Special needs.

In July, as part of the legislative changes, a bill was passed that requires students who graduate with a modified or extended diploma or an alternative certificate to have access to 900 hours of transition instruction per year. This is vastly different from the previous 25 hours per year requirement.

**SpEd Caseload:** 138 k-12

## **Staff in-service training:**

April 20<sup>th</sup> will be a staff in-service day. Staff will be trained on using Google Docs as well as applications and lessons for SmartBoards. The second half of the day, the administrative team will be conducting team building activities that utilize Capturing Kids' Hearts elements and will include strategies they can utilize in their classroom with their own students for building a community.