Targeted Services Kindergarten, Remedial Reading and Math FAQ (updated Feb 1, 2017)

What is Targeted Services (TS)?

Targeted Services provides funding for at-risk students outside of the normal school day. Various schools make use of the funding in different ways. For example, Discovery has offered a before school Books and Breakfast option for struggling readers. Parkside has offered a before school Eagles Club for students in areas of reading and math. Targeted Services monies are also used to support the summer TS kindergarten, remedial math and reading classes through the district's Community Education department.

Who teaches the TS classes?

Teachers are licensed teachers from our district.

What students are eligible to attend TS?

Current K-5 students (Kindergarten students will be in their own setting) who may be currently in Title I, receiving a Tier II or Tier III intervention, ELD services, or SPED services if they do not qualify for Extended School Year (ESY) services.

How are parents informed?

After teacher referrals are complete, parents will be notified via the US postal service. Information letters are sent home to parents from the elementary school principals. Parents must then register through Community Education for TS kindergarten, math and/or reading classes.

Why are we using a google form?

It will help with the referral process. It ensures students needing summer interventions will be invited to attend. It allows for flexibility in the referral process and gathering information from teachers. It helps with sorting the students and getting the correct information to the necessary staff.

What if students made good growth over the last few months of the year?

Coordinators of the remedial reading and math will sort students as needed to get them placed into the group that will best fit their needs. Being able to sort using winter classroom data (Spring/Fall PS) will give staff a head start on forming skill based groups to better meet needs of students.

What's the ratio in a remedial class?

1:12 ratio. In some situations, an ESP is also available to help small groups.

SPED and Targeted Services

Students who are served through an IEP are only considered eligible for ESY (extended school year) services if they meet the criteria set by state and federal law. Eligibility for ESY is based on the student's individual goals and objectives. The majority of students who are eligible for special education services through an IEP do not qualify for ESY services. However, these students are often performing below their peers in reading and math and they would potentially qualify for targeted services programs.

Kindergarten and Summer School

Kindergarten summer reading and math will be an intervention service. Classes are taught by licensed district staff. There will be support for smaller groups by using Reading Corps service members.

What curriculum or instructional practices are used for TS Math and Reading?

The TS math and reading teachers will be provided with a base curriculum program to use. Teachers have the flexibility to adapt the instruction to fit the needs of the students they have in class. Students can also be moved within the TS math and reading sections to ensure proper placement for them.