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Professional Development:

The junior high and high school special education team met to review several IEP components and updated best practices such as accommodations, behavior plans and transition plan writing to prepare students to move to adulthood successfully.

The junior high and high school paraprofessionals met with Andy Mayer to learn the basics of Google Classroom in order to have more success with helping students in our inclusion classes.

State Testing:

State testing is wrapping up for the junior high and high school. The accommodated groups worked well and adjustments are already being made for next year in regards to testing accommodations. A huge thank you to Melissa Meyers and Nick Hergenroeder for assisting and helping everyone learn how to navigate the online testing format for Pre-ACT and ACT.

Grade level/new building transition meetings:

Special education teachers are preparing to have grade level/new building transition meetings. Students with IEP's that are either moving into the junior high or the high school will have meetings to prepare for the entry into the new building. These meetings will look at adjustments to accommodations and proper class placement. This will also give the families a chance to be introduced to the new staff and the building in order to ease their comfort level with the change to a new building.