

# Special Services Department Report

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## SPED Department Staffing Update:

The Special Education Department Staff has continued to work alongside the Human Resources Department to fill all Special Education positions across the district. Below is an update on SPED staff at this time in October. Those in **ORANGE** are filled for the 23-24 SY.

Special Education Staff (PK-12)	Filled:	Need to Fill:
Special Education Teachers	14	0
Special Education TAs	13	0
Personal Care Attendants (PCAs)	19	1
Speech Pathologist	5	0
Speech Therapy Assistants	4	0
Occupation Therapist	1	0
Physical Therapist	1	0
PT/OT Therapy Assistant	1	0
Adaptive PE Teacher	1	0
Behavior Specialist	1	0
School Psychologist(s)	3	0
Confidential Secretary	1	0
Department Administrative Assistant	1	0

## Department Work This Past Month:

- Held SPED Thursday Principal's Meeting on November 30th to check-in with principals about the student referral process and documentation needed to pursue an evaluation for special education eligibility.

- Met weekly with school psychologists to check-in with our prioritized list of student evaluations based on student referrals from the spring of 2023. Currently there are 19 students being evaluated for special education eligibility or to continue special education services with current assessment information. *11 special education evaluations have been completed at this time.*
- Held 1-PD Session on Wednesday, November 29th with AWARE Behavior Specialist, Charity Symonds to support PCAs with positively supporting challenging behavior with their student(s).
- November 8th, held a Blackfeet Early Childhood Center & BPS collaboration meeting to coordinate transition services/activities for Head Start students to Kindergarten at Bullshoe Elementary for the 24-25 school year.
- ChildFind was conducted at Head Start in November 47 students were screened with 12-15 having a potential delay in language, cognitive, and motor skills.
- PCA Training was conducted during the month of November. 4 sessions were held at the Admin building boardroom to ensure that all PCAs could attend and participate.

## Upcoming Department Events:

BECC & BPS Disabilities Planning Meeting	December 6, 2023
Special Services Department Christmas Lunch	December 14, 2023
BPS/BECC Transition Planning Meeting	January 17, 2024
Spring BECC ChildFind	February 13 & 14, 2024