



# **Board of Trustees Meeting**

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# Program Supports



# Practical Academic Language Skills (PALS)

- Self-contained classroom for students with significant cognitive impairments who require more individualized and intensive instruction.
- Instruction of core content through pre-requisite skills, activities for daily living and life skills.
- PALS programs are located at 9 elementaries, 4 middle schools, and AHS and CHS.

Campus	Classrooms	Students	Teachers
Elementary	15	146	15
Middle School	7	61	7
High School	5	61	5



## Abilene Developmental and Practical Training (ADAPT)

- Self-contained classroom for students with significant cognitive impairments that require more individualized and intensive instruction.
- Many students are medically fragile with medical needs.
- Instruction in core content is through pre-requisite skills.
- Activities of daily living and life skills are part of the curriculum.
- Each campus has a special education nurse for the ADAPT classrooms.

Campus	Classrooms	Students	Teachers
Elementary (Bonham)	3	34	3
Middle School (Craig)	1	11	1
High School	2	16	2
AHS	1	7	1
CHS	1	9	1



# Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD)

- Provides services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in our Region.
- Provides classroom instruction through sign-language and the use of interpreters when in the general education settings (7 interpreters shared across campuses).

Campus	Classrooms	Students	Teachers
Early Childhood (Long ELC)	1	1	1
Elementary (Ward)	2	10	2
Middle School (Madison)	1	6	1
High School (Cooper)	1	3	1



# Dyslexia Program

- Dyslexia instruction by a dyslexia interventionist, using Neuhaus Basic Language Skills Program.
- Intervention provided daily.
- Intervention provided on all elementary, middle and high school campuses.

Campus	Students in Program	Teachers	Total Dyslexia Students
Elementary	319	11	332
Middle School	105	4	237
High School	3	*	111



# Section 504 Program

- Students identified with a disability that substantially limits a major life activity. (Diabetes, asthma, allergies, seizures etc.)
- Provided accommodations and related services to allow access to the general education curriculum.
- Legal requirement through OCR to prevent discrimination due to their disability.

Campuses	Students
ALL	750



# Homebound Instruction

- Students are provided instruction, at home, by a certified homebound teacher.
- To be eligible for homebound services, the student is expected to be confined for a minimum of four weeks for medical reasons only.
- The student's medical condition must be documented by a licensed physician.

Campuses	Students	Teachers
ALL	13 3 Pending	1 - Full Time 2 - Contract





# Speech-Language Pathology(SLP) Services

- Provided to all campuses and all grade levels
- Includes Speech and Language Assessment and services for students qualifying in the areas of articulation, language, fluency and voice disorders
- Speech Only Students - 420
- Speech Students with Other Services - 781

Position	Responsibility	Staff
Diagnostic SLP	Assessment, ARDs, Supervision	6
Campus SLP	Assessment, ARDs, Therapy	12
SLP Assistants	Therapy	6



# Other Instructional Support Programs

## **Visually Impaired (VI) Services** – All Campuses

Provide assessment, VI services with varying levels of support, assistive technology and Orientation and Mobility.

- VI Students – 54
- VI Teachers – 3\*
- Brailist – 1
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist - \*

## **Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) Services** – All Campuses

Provide assessment and DHH services at varying levels of support.

- DHH Students AISD – 29
- DHH Students Outside of AISD – 31



# Other Instructional Support Programs

## **Adaptive Physical Education (ADPE)** – All

Campuses

Provide assessment and physical education instruction with accommodations and modifications available to access the curriculum.

- ADPE Students – 49
- ADPE Teachers – 1

**Parent Training** - Provides strategies and supports in the home to address needs identified by parents and as determined by the ARD Committee.

- Students – 57
- Parent Trainers –  
1 Temp Employee Full-time  
6 Temp Employees Part-time



# Related Services



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## **Special Education Counseling** – All Campuses

Provides assessment and counseling services, specific to each student's individual needs, as determined by ARD Committee.

- Elementary Students – 35
- Secondary Students - 64
- Counselors – 2 (1 Full-time and 2- ½ time)

## **Physical Therapy (PT)** – All Campuses

Provides assessment and PT Services specific to student's individual gross motor needs as determined by ARD Committee.

Services provided through contract with West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC)

- Students – 118

## **Occupational Therapy (OT)** – All Campuses

Provides assessment and OT Services specific to student's individual fine motor and sensory needs as determined by ARD Committee.

Services provided through contract with West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC)

- Students – 398