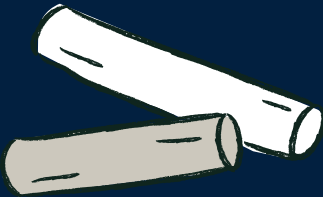


Special Education Board Report

September 2024

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Welcome New Educational Assistants!

Unity School District is excited to welcome new educational assistants to the Special Education Team.

- Kate Delessio, Virtual Speech and Language Facilitator
- Miranda Waldoch, Middle School 5th and 6th Grade
- Cassie Rehberg, Unity Learning Center and Alternative Diploma Program

Reading Drives Achievement: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment Update

Special Education staff met for an afternoon training during August Inservice to review Model IEP development and scenarios related to Evaluations, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Shortened School Days, and Disciplinary procedures. We discussed and learned from DPI scenarios that were both compliant and non-compliant. Then, trainees were asked to apply the knowledge to actual Unity records. The most valuable part of the afternoon was sharing the practices teachers utilize with other staff members across the district. The staff even shared a Google Doc of the best wording and practices used at Unity. Next, DPI will choose specific records for district staff to self-assess. On September 20th, staff will meet to review about 20 Unity student records together. We will celebrate successes and devise an action plan to correct any areas needing improvement.

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training

Several Unity educators will attend trainings in the Fall 2024 onsite or at CESA 11 to certify or recertify in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVC) techniques. NVC is a comprehensive training designed to proactively, effectively, and safely address challenging behaviors. The training emphasizes all aspects of crisis development, including prevention, intervention, and planning for future success while addressing the requirements of Wisconsin ACT 125 & ACT 118.