



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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To: Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

From: Eboney Lofton,
Senior Director of Student Services

Re: Out-of-District Placements

District 97 currently has 43 students placed in private therapeutic day schools. This represents 4.6% of the total population of students with disabilities. In addition, three students are currently attending District 97 public schools on a part-time basis as a part of the district's reintegration efforts. Last school year at this time, there were 41 students placed in private therapeutic day schools.

The special education department and school-based IEP teams continue to utilize data and the provision of research-based interventions to inform any and all service delivery decisions that rest outside of the public school setting. The processes and procedures related to the provision of said services are standardized across the district. Finally, as referenced above, reintegration will remain a district focus to ensure that access to the least restrictive environment is considered and reviewed regularly from a lens that privileges equity and access.

