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Special Education Updates
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UISD Special Education Department



Special Education Department Goals

- ★ Ensure that the instructional and behavioral needs of every student are met by adhering to all applicable state regulations—including the Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code, TEA mandates, and State Performance Plan Indicators—as well as federal guidelines under the Results Driven Accountability System.
- ★ Our commitment is to provide all special education students with the most appropriate learning environment, whether in self-contained, resource, inclusion, or co-taught classrooms.
- ★ We strive to guarantee that all students have equal opportunities to learn alongside their non-disabled peers in the least restrictive environment.



Explanation of Purchases



Intent: IEP Glasses - I Encourage Progress as incentives for Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Intent: SE Autism Awareness - Tennis shoes for SE Leadership Staff to attend multiple SE Events and highlight our students' participation and bring community awareness

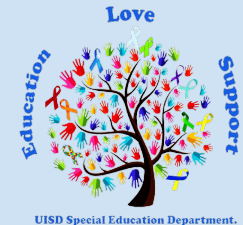
Note: Items purchased are intended as incentives & parent or student prizes for different events



Educational and Time Saving Initiatives



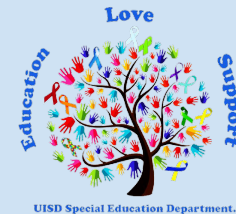
- Implemented programs like SameGoal and Goalbook to streamline teacher workflows and ensure compliance with program requirements.
- Streamlined the dyslexia curriculum and reduced counselor workload in the identification process.
- Developed processes to monitor student progress in developing independent functional living skills.
- Collaborated with School Improvement to train campus staff and assessment personnel on data collection and MTSS program requirements.
- Aligned all curriculum and assessments with the TEA Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) to support special education teachers in achieving TIA objectives and potential designation.
- **Special Ed. Virtual Support Hub**



Student and Teacher Support Initiatives



- Secured the Sames Auto Arena for the Special Olympics opening ceremony at no cost, saving the district \$15,000.
- Offered on-site daycare during the Second Annual United ISD Special Education Parent Autism Conference, avoiding a \$30 per attendee cost for parents to attend alternative conferences.
- Provided district-wide and campus-requested Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) trainings by Adaptive PE Coaches and Behavior Specialists, reducing the need for contracted services.
- Expanded services provided by Licensed Specialists in School Psychology (LSSP) to include personalized counseling for MS MLC Unit students, with an emphasis on 8th grade students.



Future Student and Teacher Support Initiatives



- Researching the feasibility of opening a UISD Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program to provide continuous services for students and potentially reduce district costs.
- Planning to Develop "Cherish Center After School Adventures," an initiative designed to generate program funds while fostering student employment skills. This program will include:
 - "Market Mondays" featuring student-created products.
 - Plate sales through the Culinary Arts class.
 - Creation and sale of door wreaths.
 - Mum sales for all high schools during the fall semester.
 - Creation and sale of stationery items for schools and Christmas.
 - Operation of a thrift store.
 - Sale of succulents grown at the center.
 - Sale of teacher appreciation items (bags, cups, stationery).
 - Continued knitting and sale of scarves and hats.



Yearly and Upcoming Events



- Dyslexia Proclamation Oct. 3, 2024
- U Teach, U Transform Oct. 10, 2024
- White Cane Event, Oct. 18, 2024
- Special Olympics Bowling Nov. 6-8, 2024
- UISD Parent Summit, Nov. 16, 2024,
- Cherish Center Thanksgiving Student Luncheon, Nov. 20, 2024
- UISD Parent PM Sessions - ARD Process, Nov. 21, 2024
- UISD Polar Plunge De. 13, 2024
- Cherish Center Tamalada Dec. 17, 2024
- Special Olympics Feb. 25 - 27, 2025
- Youth Athletes Program March 26, 2025
- World Down Syndrome Day Celebration, March 21, 2025
- Cherish Center Down Syndrome Awareness Event, 3/21, 2025
- Cherish Center Fashion Show, March 21, 2025
- Autism Awareness Event, April 7, 2025
- UISD Parent PM Sessions - ARD Process, April 24, 2025
- Sp. Ed. Fishing Derby, May 3, 2025
- Cherish Center Graduation, May 23, 2025





Hope to see you at our upcoming events. Thank you for supporting the Special Education Students of UISD, We Are United !!!



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