

# 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	1
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 October 26th to check-in with principals about student health plans, 504s & IEPs, as well as school psychologist assignments.

- 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 22 students being evaluated for special education eligibility or to continue special education services with current assessment information.
- Held 3-PD Sessions at the October BPS PD Days on Oct. 19th and 20th at BHS for special education teachers, TAs, and PCAs to support positive behavior in the special education classroom, visual schedules, and coordinating instruction and care for special education students.
- Held parent meetings & regular Special Olympics Basketball Team practice in preparation for the Special Olympics Basketball State Tournament in Helena.
- Met with MT OPI Monitoring Specialist & BPS School Psychologists to implement recommendations from the Special Services Monitoring conducted last spring. Katie Mattingly with OPI provided guidance to school psychologists about meeting evaluation timelines, developing assessment plans that align to evaluation reports, as well as writing implications students may need based on evaluation results.

## Upcoming Department Events:

BPS Fall SPED Child Count due to the OPI	November 3, 2023
SPED Department Meeting	November 8, 2023
Special Olympics State Basketball-Helena	November 9-11, 2023
SPED Thursday-Principal's SPED PD	November 30, 2023