

SAN CARLOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20



Governing Board Report Special Education/Alternative School March 12, 2012 Donald Hancock, Director

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education Department is going through a complete retraining of all staff in all aspects of special education. The new handbook provides detail instructions on every action to be taken from referral to exiting from Special Education.

The District has received a Letter from the Arizona Department of Education stating the district has completed all areas of correction resulting from a complaint filed by a parent and is in compliance with ADE requirements. They thanked the district staff for their hard work and cooperation in correcting the deficiencies.

Speech and Language services still remains a weak area which we struggle to provide services to all students according to their IEP. We have implemented procedures which are designed to see that students receive the necessary services according to their Individual Education Plans (IEP).

We have a number of students who are being taught at their homes as it has been identified as the Least Restrictive Environment.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Alternative school is at capacity at the present with 66 students enrolled. There are 26 students who are possible graduates this year. We have begun the process of preparing for the end of the year procedures. Students took the AIM's writing and reading test this past week, we should have the results in the near future. Students will take the math and reading test in April. We have requested the students visit the campuses of the colleges and universities in the near future. Campus recruiters have been to the school to talk to the graduating seniors.

We currently have four students taking their classes at the district office and two at the Peridot housing computer lab. We are working on a partnership with the Peridot Housing for the use of their computer lab for students who need internet access when not in school. This allows students to continue working on credit recovery through the Odysseyware software program.

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PRE-SCHOOL

Students are doing very well this year in preschool we have 30 students in pre-school. The preschool is now back at full staff with the hiring of a new instructional aide. As we enter the final nine weeks of school students will be going through the transition process to enter kindergarten next year. End of the year activities and promotion planning are currently underway.

The summer Child Find is being planned in June for fall enrollment. We are working with Head Start to insure every child living within the San Carlos Unified School District boundaries has the opportunity to attend school. Again, San Carlos Unified will be providing pre-school for students with Special Education needs while Head Start will have regular pre-school for all other student. We will also provide special Education services to students of Peridot Lutheran School and the St. Charles School