



Special Education Update

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Current Personnel Statistics

- **Faculty and Staff**
 - **11.5 Special Education Teachers**
 - **12 Paraeducators**
 - **2 School Psychologists**
 - **1 Speech-Language Pathologist**
 - **3 Social Workers**
 - **1 Vocational Coordinator/Transition Specialist**
 - **1 Department Chair (teaches 2 sections)**
- **Cooperative Services**
 - **OT, PT, VI, HI, and O and M services**
- **Administration**
 - **Director of Special Education Services**
 - **1 IEP Manager Facilitator/Transition Consultant**
 - **Administrative Assistant to Director of Special Education**

Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education

The Southwest Cooperative services students across eight local elementary school districts and three high school districts.

Member Districts

LHS Enrollment: 17

Total Enrollment: 1,033

Southwest Cooperative

Students can be served in one of the cooperative's six programs

- Braun (Oak Forest Administrative Office)
- CD Program(Morton Gingerwood and Andrew HS)
- DHH (LHS)
- Destiny(Morton Gingerwood and Oak Forest HS)
- Project Challenge (Braun)
- Transition (Braun and John Humphrey)

LHS Special Education Enrollment

- 2024 School Year: 141 students
- 2025 School Year: 142 students

2024 LHS students with IEPs 9.9%

2024 Illinois Students with IEPs 16.0%

2025 LHS students with IEPs 10.2%

2025 Illinois Students with IEPs 16.3%

Enrollment Statistics

- Cooperative Programs: 17 students
- Out of District Private: 6 students
- Residential: 1 student
- LHS: 118

ARC

The ARC (Academics, Resilience, Character) program is an in-district therapeutic program specifically designed to support students with internalizing behaviors. Its primary goal is to support students in making progress towards their academic, social/emotional, executive functioning, communication, and transition goals as outlined in their IEPs. The program focuses on a holistic approach to education, recognizing that academic success is intertwined with emotional well-being and personal growth.

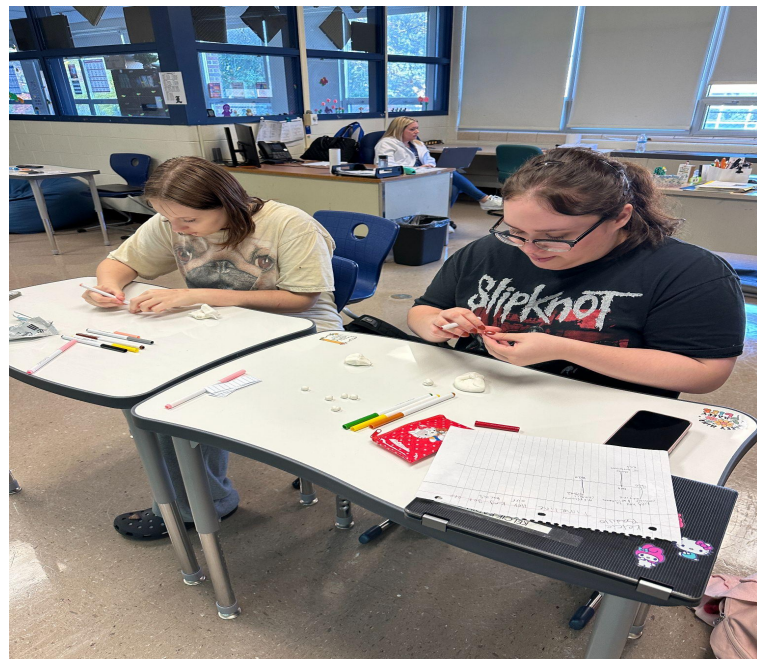
LIFE

The L.I.F.E. Program is specially designed to cater to the unique needs of students with moderate to severe disabilities. This program aims to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment that fosters functional academics, employment/training opportunities, independent living skills, and dedicated support for communication and social needs. The L.I.F.E. Program was developed with this vision in mind, ensuring students with moderate to severe disabilities receive the necessary tools and support to succeed academically, professionally, and socially.

Future Connections

The Future Connections Program is an in-district fifth-year program, designed for students who completed their four years of high school but still require a coordinated set of activities, services, and specialized instruction in the areas of academics, employment, and independent living in order to make progress towards their post secondary outcomes as outlined in their IEPs. Students are required to attend the Future Connections program Monday-Friday when they are not in attendance for college-level courses, courses at the Wilco Area Career Center, or competitive work.

Art Therapy



Healing Hearts Pet Therapy



Equestrian Therapy



Meet Mia



Donation

- Adaptive kitchen equipment and utensils for life skills lab
- Repaving Bell Road
- Future planning: Continue to work with the family on how we are spending.



ESY

- Eligibility
- Curriculum
- Community Outings
- Related Services

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Questions?

Thank you for your support!