

Niles Township District for Special Education

District 74 Board Presentation



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Who is NTDSE?



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NTDSE Timeline

- **1957**, the 10 school districts within Niles Township formed the cooperative. NTDSE was one of the first cooperatives in the State of Illinois.
- **1969**, our current location at 8701 Menard in Morton Grove was opened. In 1970, it was renamed the Julia Molloy Education Center.
- **2002**, NTDSE became its own entity (district).
- **2005**, District 219 withdrew from the cooperative.
- **2010**, a Cooperative Study was conducted that focused on the funding structure.
- **2020**, the NTDSE Governing Board approved a renovation and an addition to Molloy.
- **2021**, Molloy Groundbreaking
- **2023**, Addition/Renovation Phases 1-3 Completed
- **2025**, Final Renovation (Phase 4) Completed



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Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE)

- NTDSE is a special education cooperative that provides special education **supports** and **direct services** to the nine elementary districts located within Niles Township to ensure a high quality education for all students.
- NTDSE operates **instructional programs** which focus on students who require a high level of support.
- NTDSE provides specialized services from highly trained therapists, teachers and itinerants who focus on students with complex needs.

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Mission Statement

At NTDSE, we collaborate with member districts and families to promote success and independence for all students

Vision Statement

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Belief Statements

At NTDSE we...

BELIEVE
in the
potential of
all students

STRIVE
for equity
and
inclusivity

HONOR
diversity

CULTIVATE
collaborative
relationships
with families,
staff,
districts, and
community

PROVIDE
high-quality
professional
learning
opportunities
for
continuous
growth

IMPLEMENT
evidence-
based
practices
through a
continuum of
individualized
learning
opportunities



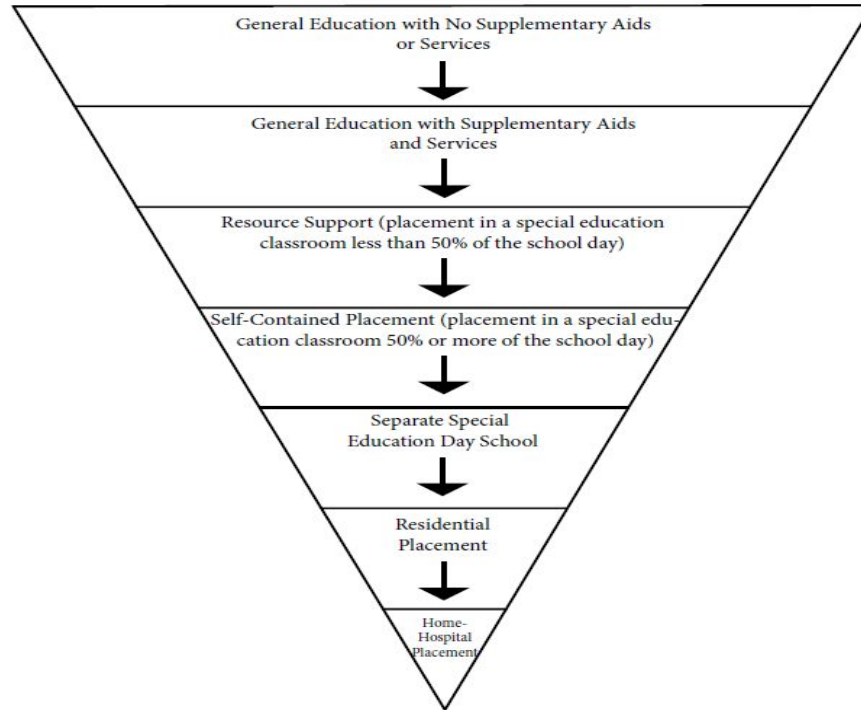
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What Is Special Education?

- Governed by federal law (1975) - **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**
- **Special Education** is: **Specially designed instruction**, at NO cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability.
- IDEA ensures that all children receive a **Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)**. This means that schools will provide students who are eligible (have a disability) with specialized instructions/supports that will address their academic needs in the **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)**.



Least Restrictive Environment



Member Districts

District	Schools	Grades
67	Hynes Elementary Golf Middle School	Pre-K-4 5-8
68	Devonshire Highland Jane Stenson Old Orchard Jr. High	K-5 K-5 K-5 Pre K & 6-8
69	Madison Edison Lincoln Jr. High	Pre-K-2 3-5 6-8
70	Park View	Pre-K-8
71	Culver	Pre-K-8
72	Fairview	Pre-K-8
73	East Prairie	Pre-K-8
73.5	Meyer Middleton McCracken Middle School	Pre-K-K 1-5 6-8
74	Todd Hall Rutledge Hall Lincoln Hall	Pre-K-2 3-5 6-8



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NTDSE Governance Structure

- The Niles Township District for Special Education is a **joint agreement** among the nine school districts within Niles Township.
- Articles of Joint Agreement
- NTDSE has been a separate legal entity since 2002.
- The NTDSE Governing Board consists of one board member delegate and one board member alternate from each of the nine member districts.
- The Governing Board adopts an annual budget, establishes policy, evaluates the Executive Director, recommends reduction or expansion of services to the nine member school boards, reviews the need for site acquisition, construction and capital improvement and makes recommendations to member boards.
- 9 Monthly Meetings (including the orientation)
- Monthly Superintendent Meetings



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Articles of Agreement

- In Illinois, the Articles of Agreement for special education cooperatives detail the collaborative arrangements between school districts for providing special education services.
- NTDSE Articles of Agreement
 - Adopted: July 1, 2005
 - Revised: July 1, 2012
 - Revised: July 1, 2015
 - Revised: July 1, 2023



Benefits of Membership

Advantages of being a member of a Special Education Cooperative

- Administration and supervision
- Coaching and consultation
- Collaborative partnership
- Connectivity to a community
- Cost efficiency and economy of scale
- Enhanced student and family experience
- High quality options available for move-ins or unpredictable students
- Legal / procedural support
- Low incidence expertise (programs and related services)
- Professional development
- Specialized training of personnel



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NTDSE Supports & Direct Services

- Instructional Programs
 - Molloy Education Center- a Public Therapeutic Day School
 - Satellite Sites (24.5 locations in our member districts)
- Membership Services
- Purchased Services
- Physical Plant



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Instructional Program & Cost

- Classrooms are highly specialized and individualized based on student need.
- Classroom locations are at Molloy (Public Therapeutic Day School) or one of our Satellite locations.
- The number of recommended hosted satellite classrooms is determined by the total number of students served in NTDSE classrooms.
- Currently, D74 hosts 4 NTDSE Classrooms (two at TH & one at RH, LH).

	FY24	FY25	FY26
NTDSE Per Student Fee	\$47,300	\$53,720	\$55,332

Total # of NTDSE Instructional Classrooms & Students

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Molloy	22	24	27
Satellite	21	23	24.5
Total # of Classrooms	43	47	51.5
Total # of NTDSE Students	315	342	363
Total # of D74 Students	47	41	46

Historical NTDSE Student Enrollment by District

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D74 Membership Costs

- **Membership Services:** Services are included as part of a district's membership fee. A district's membership fee is based on its share of total student enrollment, calculated using enrollment counts from the sixth day of student attendance.
 - Ex: ESY Coordination, Transportation, Business Office Functions, Medicaid Billing, State Reporting, IEP System, Professional Learning, Assistive Technology, etc.

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Total	\$187,383	\$200,723	\$210,759

Historical 6th Day District Enrollment

				DISTRICT						
	D67	D68	D69	D70	D71	D72	D73	D73.5	D74	TOTAL
2019-2020	708.5	1692	1603	852	584	745.5	479	1033	1192	8889
2020-2021	690	1649	1585	818	571	747.5	467	1023.5	1193.5	8744.5
2021-2022	662.5	1576	1589	811.5	581	715	475	1014	1175	8599
2022-2023	647	1574	1668	814.5	593	691.5	512.5	1005	1137	8642.5
2023-2024	620	1633.5	1677	806	592	698	485	989	1145.5	8646
2024-2025	607	1660.5	1681	804.5	598	669.5	491	987.5	1142.5	8641.5



D74 Purchased Service Costs

- **Purchased Services:** A la carte services that districts choose based on their students' IEPs and the needs of the district.
 - Partner Augmentative Communication Coaching, Audiology Services, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Music Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy & Coaching, etc.
 - Articles of Agreement: Infinetec and ISBE Professional Development Allocation

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Total	\$199,578	\$218,158	\$238,424



Physical Plant Cost

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Total (Same for Each District)	\$35,232	\$38,284	\$40,606



Total NTDSE Costs for D74

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Instructional Costs (Per Student Cost)	\$47,300	\$53,720	\$55,332
D74 Instructional Costs	\$1,796,480	\$1,967,342	\$2,334,633
Membership Costs	\$187,383	\$200,723	\$210,759
Purchased Service Costs	\$199,578	\$218,158	\$238,424
Physical Plant Costs	\$35,232	\$38,284	\$40,606
Total Costs (with Medicaid credit)	\$2,192,361	\$2,398,009	\$2,797,980 (estimated)

Questions?

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