

Academic Progress Report: Special Education

BELTON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

June 15, 2026



Purpose

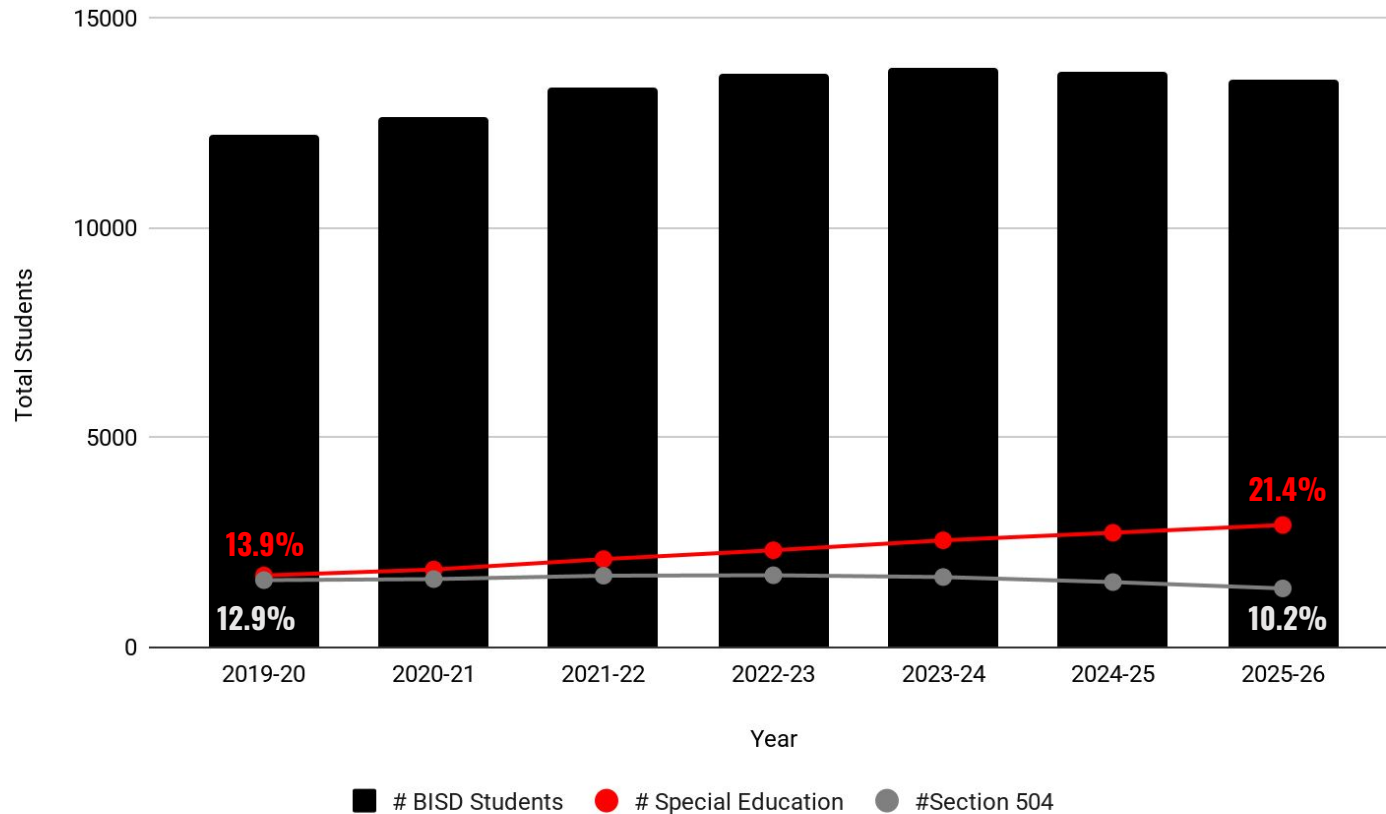
Report on Special Education services and programming in Belton ISD.





Students Served

BISD Student Enrollment and Eligibility



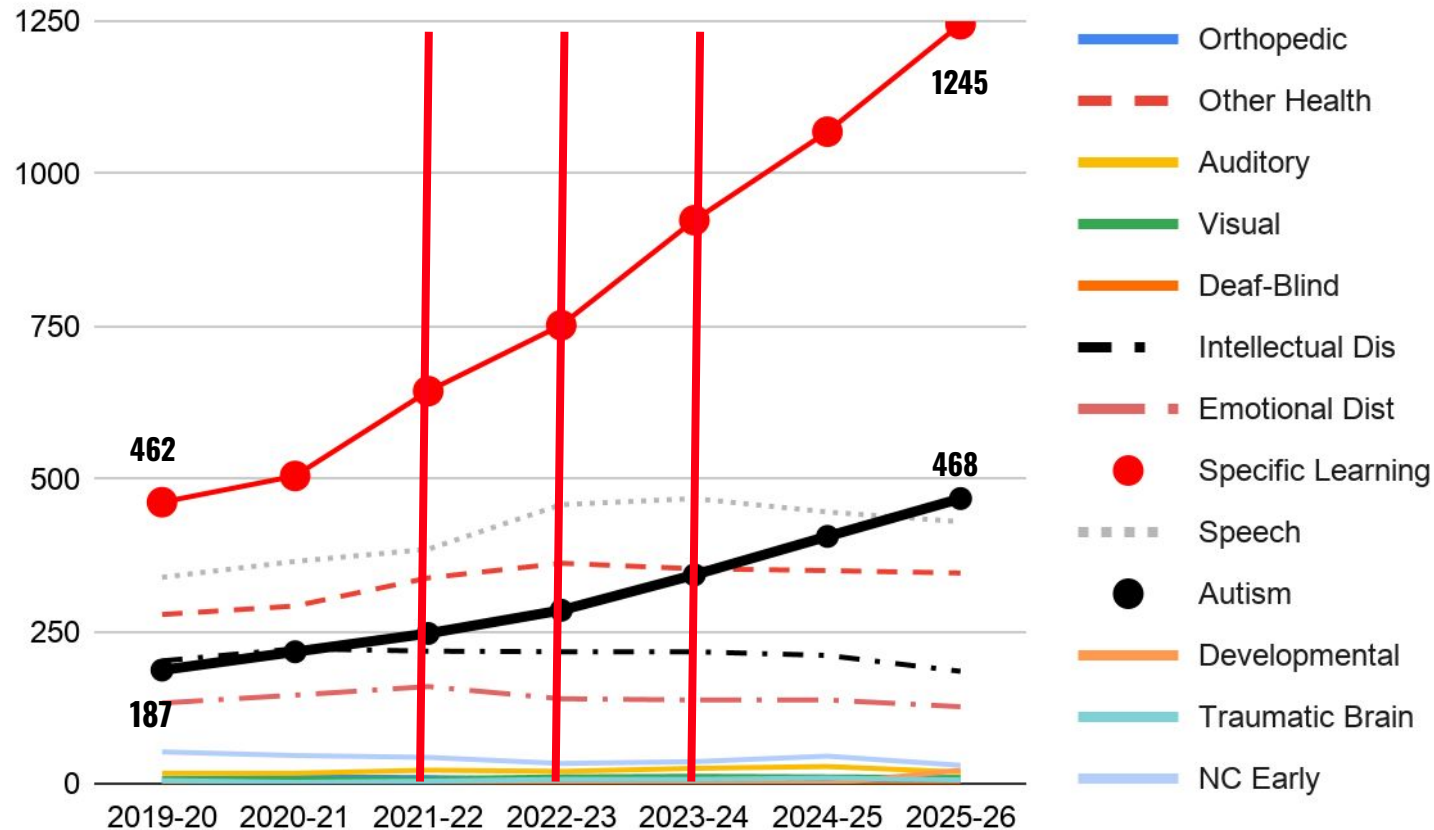
Special Education Population

2019-20: 1695
2020-21: 1836
2021-22: 2084
2022-23: 2296
2023-24: 2533
2024-25: 2714
2025-26: 2899



Growth by Eligibility

Growth by Primary Eligibility



Changes Impacting Eligibility Over Time

2019-2020

Covid

2020-2021

Hybrid Learning, Return to school

October 2021

Changes to eligibility criteria for SLD

2022-2023

Dyslexia evaluations completed by Special Ed

June 2023

HB 3928 Dyslexia became SLD

July 2024

Ch. 89 updates, Dyslexia Handbook updates



Initial Evaluations

Changes Impacting Assessment

Evaluations have increased significantly. Public school districts conduct evaluations for students who may have a disability, including those not enrolled in public schools.

2024-2025
645

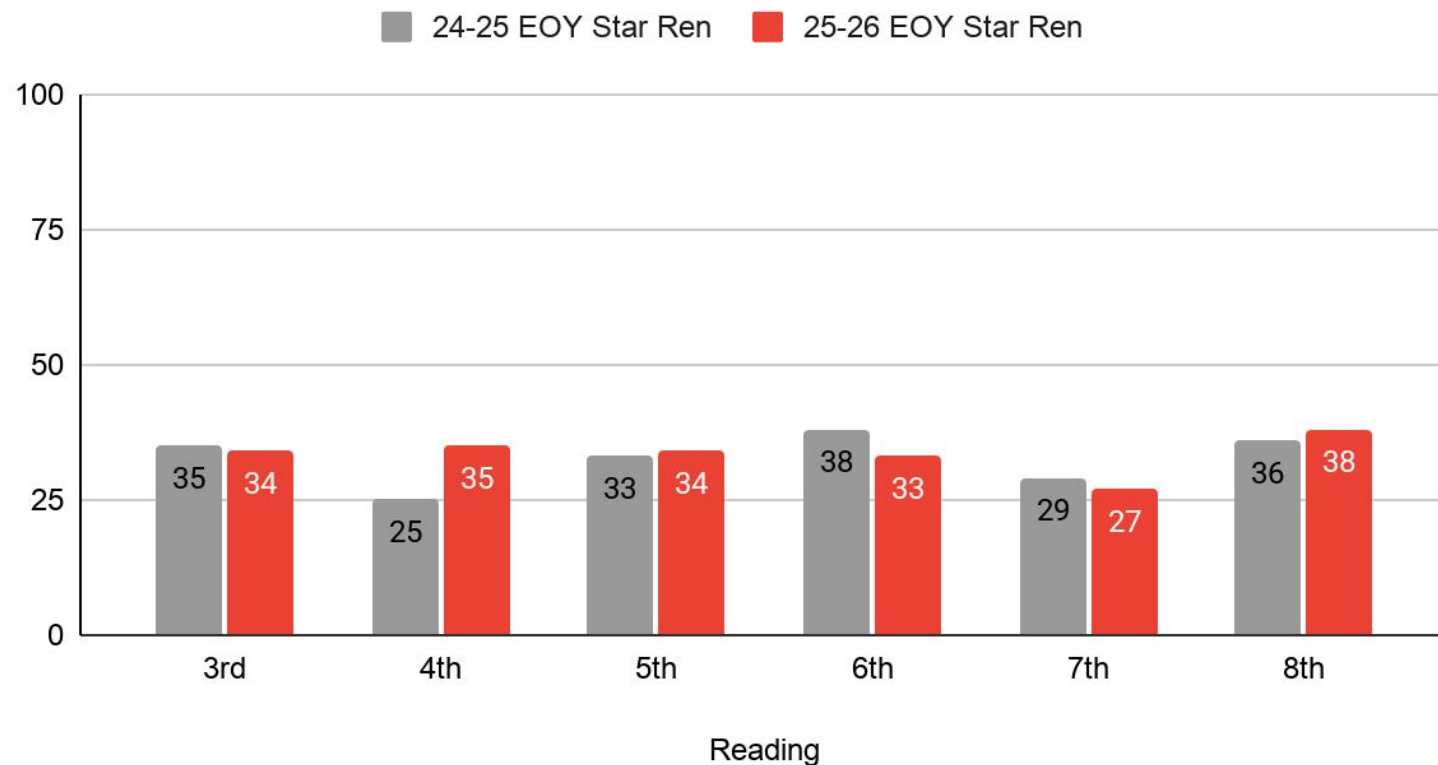
BISD
629
Outside
16

2025-2026
577

BISD
545
Outside
32

Reading Cohort Data

Star Ren EOY Reading Cohort Data Approaches+



Evaluation

Highlights

- 4th grade
- 8th grade

Focus Needs

- 6th grade
- 7th grade

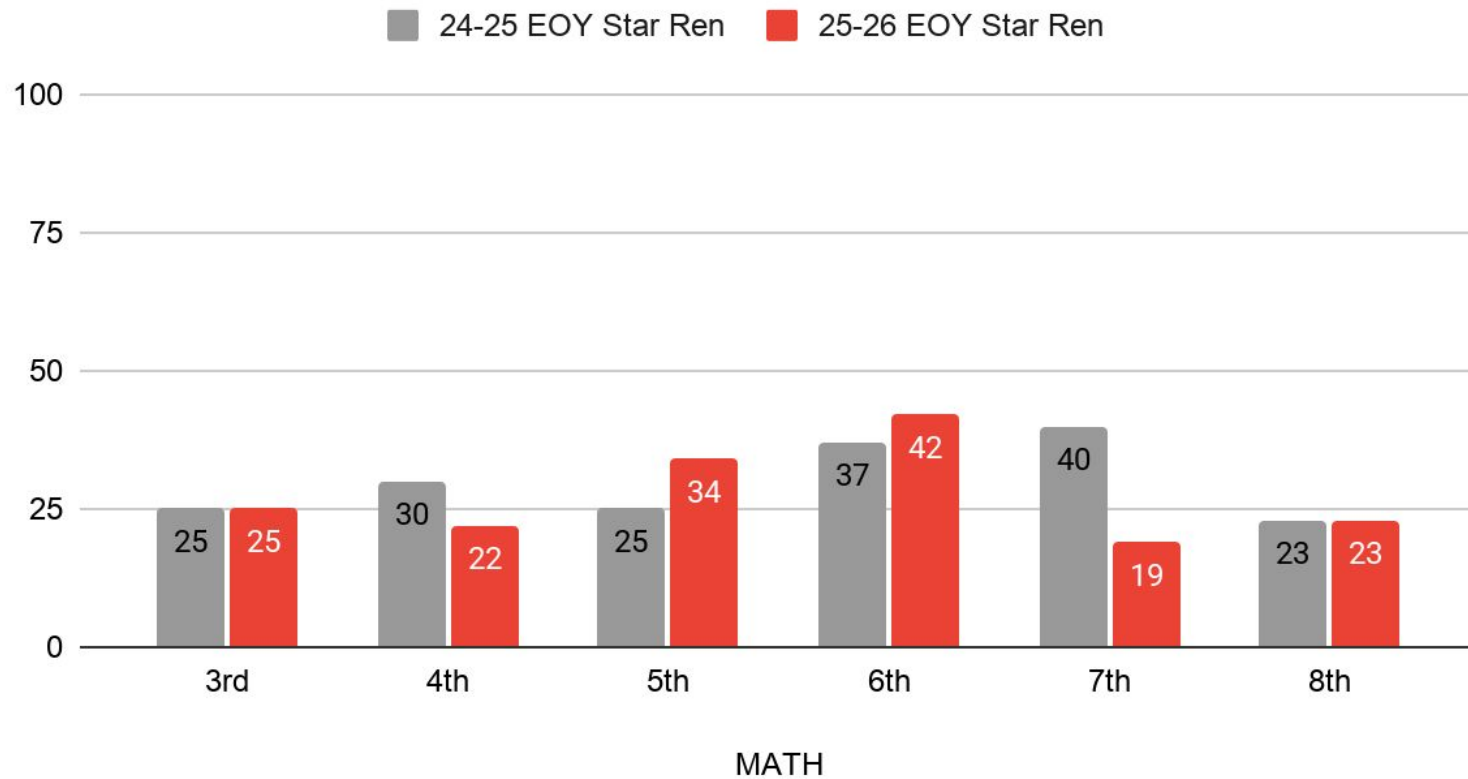
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- Emphasis on priority standards aligned targeted instruction and IEP goals

Data Source: 2025-2026 STAR Renaissance-EOY Comparison Data Based on Cohort

Math Cohort Data

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Trends

Strengths

- Access to curriculum resources
- Job alike learning
- Cyclical audit findings
- Progress in inclusive practices
- Master scheduling improvements
- Delta direct services

Improvement Needs

- Consistent use of resources
- Content embedded learning
- Strategic use of staff
- Refinement of service delivery
- Behavior supports
- PK to K transition

Focus

- Inclusive practices
- Continuum clarity
- Aligned tools and resources
- Professional learning



Questions

