



Special Education Committee Meeting.

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November 11, 2024





Agenda

- Staffing
- Training
- Parental Involvement and Communication
- Behavioral and Emotional Support
- Post-school Transition Planning



Teacher Vacancies

Elementary	3
Middle School	1
High School	2
Total	6

Classified Vacancies

Elementary	7
Middle School	6
High School	4
Total	17


August Training

Note:
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Special Services Dept.

Description	Workshop #	Date
Special Services 890 Staff Development 2024-2025	18318	6-Aug-24
BI Teachers 2024-2025 Staff Development	18239	8-Aug-24
SHARS 2024-2025	18399	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18251	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18256	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18260	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18262	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18263	8-Aug-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	18259	8-Aug-24
ECSE Teachers and Elementary LS Teachers and Paraprofessional 2024-2025 Staff Dev.	18237	8-Aug-24
Secondary Life Skills/SFL Teachers and Paraprofessionals	18238	8-Aug-24
Adapted PE Meeting 2024-2025	17344	9-Aug-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17304	15-Aug-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17324	15-Aug-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17491	23-Aug-24
Occupational/Physical Therapist 2024-2025	17516	27-Aug-24
Visually Impaired 2024-2025	17537	28-Aug-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2023-2024	17308	29-Aug-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17325	29-Aug-24
Basic Rules in Dealing with Special Education Students 2024-2025	19228	22-Aug-24

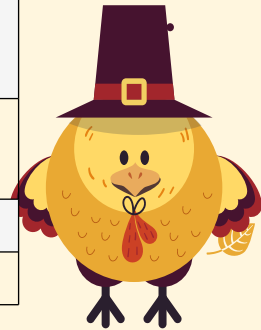


September Training


Note: 

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Description	Workshop #	Date:
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17493	4-Sep-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17494	6-Sep-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17309	12-Sep-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17326	12-Sep-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17203	12-Sep-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17495	13-Sep-24
Occupational/Physical Therapist 2024-2025	17517	17-Sep-24
Visually Impaired 2024-2025	17538	18-Sep-24
Adapted PE Meeting 2024-2025	17348	25-Sep-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17310	26-Sep-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17327	26-Sep-24
X-BASS 2024-2025	19511	26-Sep-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17204	26-Sep-24



October Training

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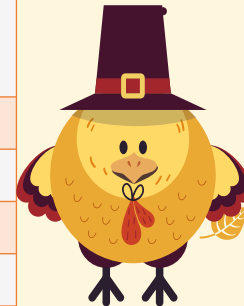
Description	Workshop #	Date:
Assessment Staff -C-SEP	19900	3-Oct-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17496	4-Oct-24
Assessment Staff- Procedures 2024-2025	19926	4-Oct-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17311	10-Oct-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17328	10-Oct-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17497	10-Oct-24
PPA 2024-2025	19513	10-Oct-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17205	10-Oct-24
Area Special Olympics Track and Field 2024-2025	16025	17-Oct-24
Buddy Fun Meet	16589	17-Oct-24
Occupational/Physical Therapist 2024-2025	17518	22-Oct-24
Visually Impaired 2024-2025	17539	23-Oct-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17312	24-Oct-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17329	24-Oct-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17206	24-Oct-24
SHARS TRAINING UPDATE 2024-2025 AM	20077	29-Oct-24
SHARS TRAINING UPDATES 2024-2025 PM	20078	29-Oct-24



November Training

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Description	Workshop #	Date:
Adapted PE Meeting 2024-2025	17349	1-Nov-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17498	1-Nov-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17313	7-Nov-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17331	7-Nov-24
Disability Determination for Speech Impairment in School Setting - Part 2	18401	7-Nov-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17207	7-Nov-24
Area Special Olympics Area Boling Meet Middle School 2024-2025	17583	12-Nov-24
Occupational/Physical Therapist 2024-2025	17519	12-Nov-24
Visually Impaired 2024-2025	17540	13-Nov-24
Area Special Olympics Area Boling Meet High School 2024-2025	17584	14-Nov-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17499	15-Nov-24
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17314	21-Nov-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17332	21-Nov-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17208	21-Nov-24



December Training



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Description	Workshop #	Date:
Special Olympics Middle School Meeting 2024-2025	17315	5-Dec-24
Special Olympics High School Meeting 2024-2025	17333	5-Dec-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17209	5-Dec-24
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	17500	6-Dec-24
Occupational/Physical Therapist 2024-2025	17520	10-Dec-24
Visually Impaired 2024-2025	17541	11-Dec-24
CPI and Core Team Training 2024-2025	17210	17-Dec-24
Adapted PE Meeting	17350	20-Dec-24



Parental Involvement & Communication

We distribute flyers to invite parents to attend upcoming meetings using the following methods:

- School Messenger
- Public Information (BISD Social Media Sites)
- Flyers are distributed to campus Principals, teachers, and staff
- Phone calls made by the Family Center staff to invite parents

Other Community Event Dates:

- August 10, 2024-Back to School Fair
- September 18, 2024-Know Your Community Fair
- October 21,22,23,29 and 30 -Night of Discovery
- October 24, 2024- Autismo en mi Vida Fall Festival
- Dec 3, 2024 -Cookies with Special Services

Save the Date 2024-2025



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



SAVE THE DATE!

2024-2025 SPECIAL SERVICES EVENTS

- Monthly Parent Meeting • September 24, 2024
- Buddy Fun Meet • October 17, 2024
- Dyslexia Conference • October 19, 2024
- Texas Workforce Commission Transition Planning • October 22, 2024
- Gladys Porter Zoo Fall Event • November 1st, 2024
- Special Olympics Bowling (Middle Schools) • November 12, 2024
- Special Olympics Bowling (High Schools) • November 14, 2024
- Monthly Parent Meeting • November 19, 2024
- Kids At The Movies • December 10, 2024
- Monthly Parent Meeting • January 28, 2025
- Transition Fair • February 18, 2025
- Monthly Parent Meeting • March 11, 2025
- Special Olympics Track Meet • March 27, 2025
- Autism Conference • April 11, 2025
- Special Olympics Summer Games 2025

Behavior & Social Emotional Support

Special services provides ongoing campus support through a variety of methods:

- Special Services staff work as an interdisciplinary team, meeting regularly to review student cases, especially those with complex behavioral and social-emotional needs.
- Comprehensive Behavioral and Social-Emotional Assessment
- Developing Behavior & Social Emotional Individualized Plans and Interventions
- Training and coaching staff to meet specific campus social emotional needs.
- § Assist in the creation of Crisis Intervention Plans and Supports
- Behavior Specialists reinforce SEL by embedding positive behavior supports (PBS), Skills Based Behavior Support
- Special education counselors collaborate with campuses to problem-solve student-specific cases
- Special Education Counselors provide SEL activities and provide social skills training, focusing on empathy, emotional regulation, and peer interaction, both in groups and individual sessions.

Behavioral & Emotional Support

Special services provides ongoing campus support through a variety of methods:

§ Behavior Specialists, Spec. Education Counselors, & School Psychologists provide ongoing behavior and emotional support to meet campus and student specific needs

§ Provide De-Escalation Training to Transportation Dept., Reg. Ed Counselors, and Campuses

§ Special Services Family Center provides assistance to parents and community through our Social Worker & Behavior Specialist

§ Participate in Behavior Threat Assessment meetings and planning

§ Assist campuses and parents in seeking outside community resources to assist with specific student/parent needs

§ Coordinate and participate in Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG) meetings

§ With parent consent, communicate with doctors' offices and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health

§ Conduct student observations to assist with Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans, other assessments, and placements.

Post - School Transition Planning

Connecting with Adult Services and Agencies

∅ The IEP team helps the family and student connect with relevant adult service agencies, which may include:

- o Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
- o Vocational Rehabilitation Services/Pre-Employment Transition Services
- o Medicaid Waiver Programs,
- o Local mental health authorities, and other community resources

•These agencies can provide support for employment, housing, financial assistance, and continued education after the student exits high school.

Thank
you!

A decorative illustration of the words "Thank you!" in a cursive font. The text is centered and surrounded by a variety of floral and leaf motifs. There are pink and purple flowers, green leaves, and clusters of red berries. The background is a light, warm yellow color.