



WEM Public Schools

School Board | February 27, 2023



General Information

- Enrollment information
 - 149 students receive Special Education Services (2022 MDE December 1 Count)
 - 16.87% (state average 16.8%)
 - -1 from December 1, 2021 count
- Staffing
 - 100% of the special education teachers are fully licensed (Tier 3 or Tier 4)
- Student/Staff demographics
 - 17:1 ratio
 - ECSE has caseload limits



Special Education

School districts have a “child find” obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”). The IDEA “child find” obligation requires schools to identify, locate, and evaluate children suspected of having a disability and needing special education services to address that disability.”

Section 504 similarly imposes an obligation on schools to locate, identify, and evaluate students who are believed to be in need of accommodations or special education services.



Special Education Services

Director | Assistant Director of Special Education

Support Staff | Special Education Office

WEM Case Facilitator (.5 FTE)

Special Education Teachers | Speech Pathologists | DAPE | OT | PT | Audiologist | DHH | Vision | O&M | POHI

Paraprofessionals | Nursing Services | Special Transportation



Program and Services

PAES LAB

Waseca Area Site Based Programs

Dreambox Learning

Associate Membership with Southwest Metro
Intermediate District

18-21 Program-Waseca

Passages-Waseca

Programs on SWMetro Twin Cities

Services: BCBA



Special Education Funding

- Current Cross Subsidy for WEM: \$412,263.81 (State Special Education Comprehensive Aid Report | FY22)
 - MASE platform
 - Equitable and Sustainable Funding Systems
 - Qualified Special Education Workforce
 - Mental Health Supports for Students
- Other items being considered
 - Free breakfast and Lunch - passed last week
 - Para Training-16 hours; 8 in the first 30 days
 - Part C Early Intervention Services moved to a new department; Districts will retain staff
 - Prohibiting dismissals of students in K-3