

Special Services Department Report

September 2023

Submitted by: Rebecca Rappold

SPED Department Staffing Update:

The Special Education Department Staff have been working alongside the Human Resources Department to fill all Special Education positions across the district. Below is an update on SPED staff at this time. Interviews are being conducted weekly to fill these positions as soon as possible.

| Special Education Staff (PK-12) | Filled: | Need to Fill: |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Special Education Teachers | 13 | 1 |
| Special Education TAs | 12 | 2 |
| Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) | 14 | 7 |
| Speech Pathologist | 5 | 0 |
| Speech Therapy Assistants | 4 | 0 |
| Occupation Therapist | 1 | 0 |
| Physical Therapist | 1 | 0 |
| PT/OT Therapy Assistant | 1 | 0 |
| Adaptive PE Teacher | 1 | 0 |
| Behavior Specialist | 1 | 0 |
| School Psychologist(s) | 3 | 0 |
| Confidential Secretary | 1 | 0 |
| Department Administrative Assistant | 1 | 0 |

Department Work This Month:

- BPS Special Services Handbook Update (coming to the board for approval in October)
- Case Manager Caseloads Finalized by the Confidential Secretary
- Special Services Instructional Support Purchases by the Administrative Assistant
- Related Service Provider Planning Sessions, Scheduling, and Coordinating with Schools

- School Psychologist's Student Evaluation Planning Meetings & Student Assignments
- Conducted the SPED Thursday PD Session with Principals for August to Provide Special Education Mini-PD for School Leaders
- Behavior Support Specialist Planning Session & Updating Parent/School Support Agreements
- Classroom Observations by Interim Director in Sped Classrooms
- Parent Communication Regarding Student Supports & Instructional Plans
- Conducted Special Services TA & PCA Interviews

Upcoming Department Events:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| SPED Department Meeting | September 13, 2023 |
| SPED Thursday-Principal's SPED PD | September 28, 2023 |
| Special Olympics State Basketball | November 9-11, 2023 |