



To: Mr. Watts, Superintendent
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board
Members of Newport Board of Education

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Special Education Programming

1.) Newport Independent Schools will participate in Kentucky 2024 Winter Special Olympics.

The transformative power of sports to instill confidence, improve health and inspire a sense of competition is at the core of what Special Olympics promotes. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Newport Independent Schools shares in this belief and its delegation will compete in Kentucky Special Olympics Skiing Competitions. The event will be held at Perfect North Slopes in January 2024.

- Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools 2023-24 Registration Form submitted to Special Olympics Kentucky (SOKY).
- Special Olympics Grant Application will be submitted to (SOKY) for \$1,000. Maximum funding request from grant is \$1,000. If awarded, funds will be utilized to pay \$500.00 stipend to Ski Coach positions.
- Eligible Population: 7th-12th grade students

2.) Sensory Motor Room.

Newport Independent High School is in the process of creating a sensory motor room for students in grades 7-12. The sensory motor room is a designated educational space (classroom) with specialized equipment, sensory centers (visual, touch, and hearing stimuli equipment) and

a quite area. Individuals with sensory processing disorders often struggle to cope with the world around them. Loud noises, bright lights, changes in school or home routines are just some of the things that may trigger distress. While sensory rooms may not eliminate the brain's sensitivity to certain stimuli, they can help individuals with sensory processing disorders to learn and/or practice coping strategies. Because each student has different sensory sensitivities and ways of reacting to them, the benefit each student receives from engaging in the activities located in the room will vary depending on the student. Target date for completion of project: 12/01/23

Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- **Special Education Services** – 194 Students
- **504 Programming Rates** – 18 Students

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language- 57
- Occupational Therapy – 29
- Physical Therapy –5
- Mental Health Therapy- 27
- Orientation and Mobility – 2

Alternate Service Location Enrollments:

- Restore Program – 5
- Home/Private School Students – 2
- Newport School of Innovation- 3

District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:

Number of Students Receiving Individual Therapy:

- Newport Primary School-Krysten Munn
21 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport Intermediate School-Brandy Mains
24 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport High School-Hannah Lunde
33 Students Total/Caseload

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Swanson
