



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

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Department of Exceptional Children Update:

1. Parent/Guardian Engagement

- In an effort to elevate effective communication between parents and teachers the following document is being distributed to parents/guardians: Family Voice and Choice in the Individualized Behavior Support Process. "[Family Voice and Choice in the Individualized Behavior Support Process \(challengingbehavior.org\)](https://challengingbehavior.org)" offers strategies to aid families in contributing to the creation of individualized positive behavior support plan. By sharing this resource, teachers will be able to assist families in learning how to actively engage in the process of developing an Individualized Positive Behavior Support Plan. These plans are implemented at school and if appropriate, at home and in the community.

2. Kentucky Summative Assessments (KSA) for Special Populations

- This month the focus of the special education department and staff are to ensure that each student determined eligible to receive accommodations and modifications on Kentucky Summative Assessments are scheduled to receive them during KSA testing. Each student's Individual Education Program is being reviewed to document specified accommodations and modifications determined needed by the student during KSA testing. This proactive process ensures students are provided with the accommodations and modifications needed to demonstrate their knowledge. At this time, Newport Independent Schools has 124 students scheduled to receive accommodations during state testing.

3. Unified Sports and Inclusive Initiatives
 - Newport Middle and High School Students will be participating in a Unified Bocce Tournament on April 26, 2024 at Simon Kenton High School. The tournament will begin 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. This event will showcase both regular education and special populations competing against other student pairs in Northern, Kentucky. Students receiving special education services will be paired with a regular ed. student at the event. Each district participating in the event is allowed to bring a total of five student pairs to compete. Newport will have four student pairs.

Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- **Special Education Services –** 191 Students
- **504 Programming Rates –** 16 Students

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language Therapy 36
- Occupational Therapy 30
- Physical Therapy 6
- Mental Health Therapy 42
- Orientation and Mobility 1
- Visual Instruction 4

Alternate Service Location Enrollments:

- Restore Program 8
- Home/Private School Students 0
- Newport School of Innovation 5
- Campbell Regional School 6

District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:

Number of Students Receiving Individual Therapy:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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