



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

January 21 –February 22, 2019

Post-Secondary Programming

Six Newport High School students are registered to attend OVR High School Transition Forum on March 13, 2019. This opportunity is available to students, ages 14 – 21 who are interested in exploring post-secondary opportunities outside of the high school setting. OVR High School Transition Forum Agenda is attached. Attending this event is just one of the many Post-Secondary Transition Program activities that our students participate in throughout the school year. Newport Independent High School's Post-Secondary Transition Activities focus on the following concepts:

- Educate and inform students of short and long term post-secondary training opportunities, assist in gaining an understanding of how different training options may meet their individual needs,
 - Facilitate group visits to local disability support services offices at local colleges.
 - Assist the students in searching for colleges and training options in their career pathway.
 - Assist students in learning about accessing disability services and accommodations in a training program or academic setting.
 - Assist students in learning the differences between high school and college expectations for course and program completion.
 - Assist students and families in understanding the financial aid process.
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Exceptional Children Moderate & Severe Disability Tuition Program with Southgate Independent Schools

Met with Director of Special Education of Southgate to discuss Moderate and Severe Disability Service Agreement Contract. Currently, Newport Independent School provides specially designed and related services to two Southgate students. Southgate Independent Schools seeks to continue our services for the 2019-2020 School Year. Tuition: \$20,000.00 per student.

Kentucky Department of Education Requirements

- **Alternate Assessment Guideline Training.**

To support districts in understanding and implementing alternate assessment participation guidelines for special populations, KDE in partnership with the University of Kentucky, local administrators and regional cooperative personnel, revised the original 2018-19 training modules and requested all special education staff and Admission and Release Committee (ARC) Chairpersons obtain certification by February 29, 2019. All Newport Independent Schools staff completed the updated modules (27 special education teachers or related service providers, and 14 ARC Chairpersons). Alternate Assessment Certification Report will be submitted on 2/27/2019 to KDE. This report verifies district compliance.

Description of module concepts:

- Module 1: Change in reporting requirements and communicating with district staff
- Module 2: Completing the participation guidelines
- Module 3: Preparing for ARC to complete the participation guidelines
- Module 4: Completing the Learner Characteristics Inventory
- Module 5: Understanding your districts alternate assessment population in relation to the 1% cap
- Annual Review Guidance for Alternate Assessment Participation

- **2019 Parent Involvement Survey**

Information regarding the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Parent Involvement Survey is being sent out to all parents that have a child identified as having a disability. This survey is designed to capture parent satisfaction with special education programming throughout the state. Since this is a federal requirement, KDE requests that all public schools ensure parents are provided with information on how to access this survey. The survey has been posted to Newport Independent Schools Exceptional Children's Web page and will remain open until May 31, 2020. In addition, teachers will be asking parents to fill out the survey at the end of an ARC meeting. Only one parent per student should complete the survey. If a parent has multiple children with IEPs, the parent should complete one survey for each student. The deadline for completing the survey is May 31, 2019.

Current Exceptional Children Programming Rates

TOTAL NUMBER SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS 234

- ✓ Phoenix Program: 7
- ✓ Challenge Program: 2
- ✓ Juvenile Detention Center: 5
- ✓ Preschool: 18

ARC Meetings

- Served as ARC Chairperson for nine ARC meetings
- Attended two First Step Referral meetings

Respectfully Submitted,

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