



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

January 22, 2021

The focus of this month's work has been on ensuring students identified with special needs have access to the general curriculum, Individual Education Programs are being implemented to the maximum extent possible, and planning for virtual and in-person delivery of instruction.

Exceptional Children Operations

1. Conducted professional Learning for ARC Chairpersons and school personnel on the following topics:

- Referral for Suspected Disability
- Determine Eligibility for Special Education & Related Services
- Child Find (District and Professional Responsibilities)

2. Planning Stage for Summer Programming.

Overview:

- 1.) Individual & Small Group In-Person Instruction
- 2.) Three Weeks (4hrs. per day)
- 3.) Grades- K-12
- 4.) Date: TBA
- 5.) Skills Targeted: Reading, Math, and Writing
- 6.) Related Services Offered: Speech/Language and Mental Health Therapy
- 7.) Number of students participating: TBA

3. Number of Students currently being evaluated for initial eligibility or are in 3-Year Re-Evaluation Cycle: 25 Students. All evaluations must be completed by end of February. Assessments and observations per evaluation plans are completed on-line and/or in-person. If in-person assessments are given, safety and cleaning protocols are followed prior to student entering the school site, during assessments, and after evaluations have concluded.

Exceptional Children Programming Rates

504/ADA – 25 Students

Special Education Services – 196 Students

- Phoenix Program – 5 Students
- Challenge Program – 2 Student

Related Services

- Orientation and Mobility- Katie Toennis- 3 Students
- Physical Therapy- Amy Martin – 3 Students
- Occupational Therapy- Jill Lembright- 28 Students
- Mental Health Therapy- Dr. Joanah Renner – 11 Students
- Speech and Language Therapy- Anthrop, Kaising, Miller Vance - 47 Students

Newport Mental Health Clinicians Caseload

(Regular Ed. Populations & Students w/Special Needs).

Clinician	Mental Health Therapy	Interventions – Social Emotional Learning
Ms. Scruggs Newport Primary School	14 Students	14 Students
Ms. Onkst Newport Intermediate School	9 Students	15 Students
Ms. Onkst Newport High School	16 Students	13 Students

Interventions (Social Emotional Learning) Newport Primary School

Target Skill-Set: Relationship Building, Self-Awareness, and Coping Skills (meet weekly)

Interventions (Social Emotional Learning) Newport Middle & High-School

Target Skill Set: Empathy, Impulse Control and Anger Management

Check-In & Check-Out -

Clinicians Consultation w/School Staff

Response to Intervention Committee

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Team

School Intervention Team

Family Resource Center Advisory Council

District Safety and Trauma Team

Participate in “Morning Announcements” – Monday Matters

February’s Board Report

- Overview of grant submitted specifically for students w/special needs. WHAS -Crusade for Children
- Kentucky Department of Education Parent Survey Results
- KY Alternative Assessments and student rates for Newport Independent Schools

Respectfully Submitted,

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