



NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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

June 18, 2021

End-of-the-Year Special Education Reports

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) requires districts to verify various special education programming information at the end of each school year. Information that KDE and Office of Special Education Programs, (OSEP)- Federal Government collects informs them of the degree districts are meeting state and federal programming targets and/or are compliant with regulations governing the provisions of special education services. The following information was submitted to KDE – June 2021.

Special Education Evaluation Report. This report requires the district to submit evaluation information for students initially referred for services during the calendar year. The purpose of this report is to determine if the district followed state and district due process regulations (Referral, Evaluation, & Eligibility). This report excludes evaluations conducted throughout the school year for students in the reevaluation process.

- 2020-21 SY Due Process & Evaluations Completed within 60 Day Timeline: 100% Compliant.

Special Education Post-Secondary Transition Planning Report. This report requires a review of transition planning process for student's 16 years of age and older. Each student's due process file is reviewed to determine if federal, state and district compliance governing Post-Secondary Transition Planning occurred. Federal and state regulations require vocational agency coordination and transition services delivered to support students in planning for employment and/or continuing their education after exiting high school.

- 2020-21 SY Post-Secondary Transitioning Services/Programming: 100% Compliant with all federal, state, and local policies regarding Post-Secondary Transition Planning for all 41 students at NHS.

Special Education End of Year Expulsion Report. Report of behavior resolutions (Expulsion-with services) and (Expulsion-without services).

- 2020-21 SY Expulsion rate of students identified with special needs: 0%
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Special Education Exit Report/Graduation Rate. This report captures the number of students transferring to another district within or out-of-state, and graduating with a diploma, or alternative diploma.

- 2020-21 SY Graduation Rate for students identified with special needs: 100%

Exceptional Children Operations

- Internal Due Process Record Reviews – On-Going. Goal: 70% of all student files reviewed for compliance by August 12, 2021.
- KDE Student with Special Needs Parent Survey – On-Going.
This survey asks parents/guardians to rate special education services and programming during the 2020-21 SY. Response Rate Goal: 25% + Favorable Ratings Goal: 90% + KDE Parent Survey Closes July 31, 2021. To encourage parent/guardian participation letters were sent home, teachers made reminder phone calls, and the survey is posted on various social media accounts. As of June 11, 2021, Newport's rate of response is 21%. Rank 3rd in Northern KY for highest parent response rate. See Special Education Parent Survey Response Rates for Northern KY for district rankings. Results of survey is scheduled to be reported to districts fall 2021.

Exceptional Children Programming Rates

- 504/ADA – 21 Students
- Special Education Services – 191 Students
- Phoenix Program – 3 Students
- Challenge Program – 2 Student

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Swanson



Dear Parent,

Newport Independent Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are seeking feedback from parents regarding how your child's school is involving you in the special education services provided to your child.

Please complete a brief, online survey to share your experience with your child's special education services during the current school year (2020-2021). Please go to www.kypso.org, and complete the thirteen-question survey telling us about your current experiences.

You may also access the survey by scanning the following code into your smartphone or mobile device (if you open your camera and point it at the code it should automatically generate a link that you can access):



If school buildings are open and you would like to visit the school to complete the survey, you are more than welcome to use one of our computers. Only one parent per student should complete this survey. However, if you have more than one child with an Individual Education Program (IEP), please complete a survey for each of your children.

All responses are anonymous and cannot be traced back to you or your child. Results will be analyzed by the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky (UK) and used for a report to the U.S. Department of Education. Analysis of the final report will be utilized to improve parent involvement in special education programs.

The deadline for completing this very important survey is **July 31, 2021**.

Thank you for your help.

Lisa Swanson

Newport Independent Schools

Director of Special Education Services

Responses to Parent Survey

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district	Responses	Population_2020	rate	speced_coop
BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT	17	135	12.6%	NKEC
BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT	8	111	7.21%	NKEC
BOONE COUNTY	198	2832	6.99%	NKEC
CAMPBELL COUNTY	107	846	12.6%	NKEC
COVINGTON INDEPENDENT	40	846	4.73%	NKEC
DAYTON INDEPENDENT	6	224	2.68%	NKEC
ERLANGER INDEPENDENT	23	363	6.34%	NKEC
FT. THOMAS INDEPENDENT	57	228	25.0%	NKEC
KENTON COUNTY	112	1993	5.62%	NKEC
LUDLOW INDEPENDENT	26	163	16.0%	NKEC
NEWPORT INDEPENDENT	42	199	21.1%	NKEC
PENDLETON COUNTY	33	424	7.78%	NKEC
SILVER GROVE INDEPENDENT	.	.	.	NKEC
SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT	1	35	2.86%	NKEC
WALTON-VERONA INDEPENDENT	76	255	29.8%	NKEC
WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT	13	140	9.29%	NKEC