



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

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The focus of this month's work has been on ensuring provisions of specially designed instruction and related services are provided as detailed in each student's IEP.

Kentucky Post School Outcomes – Parent Survey 2021 Results

Since 2019-20 School Year Kentucky Department of Education has collected feedback from parents/guardians on how they feel schools are involving them in the development of their child's IEP, quality of services in preparing their child to succeed, and their overall satisfaction with special education services and programming. Survey results for each district is verified by KDE and reported to districts to inform service and programming improvements.

Results of Kentucky Post School Outcomes Survey has been verified by KDE for Newport Independent Schools. See Attached for Newport's Official Survey Results.

Summary of 2021 Special Education Parent Survey for Newport Independent Schools

- Newport Ind. Schools is above state average for "positive parent response" for all survey indicators.
 - 95% of Newport parents feel they are involved in a meaningful way to improve services and results for their child. 89% is reported for state.
 - 81% of Newport Ind. Schools parents feel they are very involved with their child's education. 71% is reported for state in this area.
 - 34.9 % of parents felt that distance learning (during NTI) had a "very positively" impact on their involvement with their child's school. 20.1% is reported for state.
 - 100% of Newport Ind. Schools parents feel that the school has prepared their child (14 yrs. and older) for future employment. 66.8% is reported for state.
 - 100% of Newport parents feel that school staff welcomes them to participate in the planning for your child's education. 87.1% is reported for state.
 - 81.4% of Newport parents rate the school communication with them during distance learning (NTI) "very positively". 53.0% is reported for state.
 - On a scale of 1-5 where 1= "Parents don't understand the IEP process at all" and 5 = "Parents fully understand the IEP process" felt they understand the IEP process, Newport Parents results are 4.55. State reported 4.24.
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2021-22 SY Special Education Programming Improvements relating to Parent Involvement.

Although, we are thrilled with our parent survey results our goal is to achieve 100% positive/favorable responses in all indicators on the Kentucky Post School Outcomes Parent Survey. To achieve this goal, we will implement the following during the 2021-22 SY:

1. Increase Parent Engagement:

- Host in-person and virtual parent trainings throughout the school year.
- Increase public awareness of the programming and support services we offer by speaking at community and school hosted parent events.
- Parent News Letters.
- At least, one positive phone call to parent every nine weeks.
- Ask parents of students w/special needs to volunteer and help out with school/class events.

2. Increase Parent Voice and Participation:

- During every parent interaction ask parent the following questions:
 1. Is there anything we can do to help support you in being more involved in your child's education?
 2. Do you feel your voice is being heard and the information you share about your child is being used when planning the IEP?
 3. Are you satisfied with the special education and related services your child receives? If not, why?

As of 9/17/2021 Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- **Special Education Services** – 193 Students
- **504 Programming Rates** – 17 Students

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language- 44
- Occupational Therapy – 29
- Physical Therapy – 3
- Mental Health Therapy- 11
- Orientation and Mobility – 2

Alternate Service Location Enrollments:

- Phoenix Program – 3 Students
- Challenge Program – 1 Student
- Home/Private School Students – 0
- Newport School of Innovation- 2 Students

As of 8/19/2021 District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:

- Newport Primary – 9 Students
- Newport Intermediate – 12 Students
- Newport High School – 12 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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