



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

March 16, 2023

**1. 2022-23 SY Parent Survey Window is Open.**

Newport Independent Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) values parent's input and wants to learn more about their experience as a parent/guardian of a child with an Individual Education Program (IEP). Each year KDE requires districts to inform parents about the opportunity to participate in the survey. All district must meet state survey participation rate set by KDE (25% +). Results of the parent survey will be analyzed and used to improve student programming and supports, on-going communication with parents and family engagement opportunities. Newport Independent Schools has begun the process of notifying parents that the parent survey window is open. Parent Survey window will close June 30, 2023.

The online survey can be completed in four ways:

1. Go to [www.kypso.org](http://www.kypso.org) and select "[Click here to access the 2023 Parent Survey.](#)"
2. Go to <https://www.newportwildcats.org/district/special-population> and select Parent Survey Information 2023 (Special Education Services)
3. Scan the code below into your smartphone or mobile device. Some smartphones will open the survey link automatically when you open your camera, others may need a QR code



4. If parents do not have access to a computer or smartphone, they may contact their child's school to request a printed copy and a confidential envelope. Their child's special education case manager will ensure the parent survey is sent to Kentucky Department of Education. Parents can also mail the completed survey to the address below:

*Human Development Institute  
c/o Tony LoBianco  
1525 Bull Lea Rd. Suite 160  
Lexington, KY 40511*

## **2. Preparing for Kentucky Alternate Assessment Program**

Test Window 2 officially opens on April 17, 2023. The Kentucky Alternate Summative Assessment is aligned with the Kentucky Academic Standards. The Kentucky Alternate Assessment was developed in 1990 as a result of the Reform Act of 1990 to provide schools and programs with a valid and reliable means of assessing the instruction provided to students with moderate and significant disabilities (i.e., for the less than 1% of the total student population for whom traditional assessments would be an inappropriate measure of progress). This year Newport has 14 students participating in the alternate assessment program. Student performance levels are rated the same as peers (Novice, Apprentice, Proficient, and Distinguished). Student assessment results are reported in the fall of the following school year.

## **3. Special Education Service Programming Rates:**

- Special Education Population  
200 Students
- Related Service Enrollments:  
Speech & Language- 40  
Occupational Therapy – 36  
Physical Therapy – 8  
Mental Health Therapy- 11  
Orientation and Mobility – 3

### Alternate Service Locations:

- Phoenix Program – 8 Students
  - Home/Private School Students – 4 Students
  - Newport School of Innovation- 0 Students
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#### 504 Programming Rates – 22 Students

- NPS- 1 student
- NIS – 4 students
- NHS – 17 students
- NSOI- 0 student

#### **4. District Mental Health Programming:**

Number of Students Receiving Individual Therapy:

- Newport Primary School-Krysten Munn  
27 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport Intermediate School-Brandy Mains  
30 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport High School-Tabetha Marsh  
34 Students Total/Caseload

Respectfully Submitted,

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