



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

April 21, 2023

Programming

1. To enhance delivery of instruction in basic mathematics skills special education teachers at Newport Primary Schools attended professional development session on April 19, 2023 at Newport Welcome Center. TouchMath is standards-based and aligned to current curriculum standards with a concentration of focus, coherence, application, and modeling within developmentally appropriate learning trajectories. TouchMath is closely tied to visualization strategies in mathematics. The multisensory approach makes critical math concepts such as, counting, working memory, and recognizing patterns appealing to young students.
2. Window 2 Alternate Assessment Testing Window opens April 17, 2023 and closes May 30, 2023. Newport Independent Schools is scheduled to have 14 students participating in Alternate Assessments.

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).

In 2011 all content areas of the Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment were represented by attainment tasks and the Transition Attainment Record (TAR) for students in grade 11. These assessments continue to meet federal requirements for The Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA).

Alternate Kentucky Summative Assessment is based upon two components: Attainment Tasks (AT) and the Transition Attainment Record (TAR). These components play vital roles in the assessment of the individual student. Assessment results will be reported on the same schedule as regular education student population.

Special Education Service Programming Rates:

- Special Education Population
196 Students
- Related Service Enrollments:
Speech & Language- 85
Occupational Therapy – 36
Physical Therapy – 6
Mental Health Therapy- 25
Orientation and Mobility – 3

Alternate Service Locations:

- Phoenix Program – 10 Students
- Home/Private School Students – 4 Students
- Newport School of Innovation- 0 Students

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
30 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport Intermediate School-Brandy Mains
30 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport High School-Tabetha Marsh
32 Students Total/Caseload

Respectfully Submitted,

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