

December 18, 2023

TO: Superintendent - Dr. Bob Lawson and Board Members - Thomas Alves, Joe McGarrh, Wesley Smith, Mike Waller, Tracey Williams

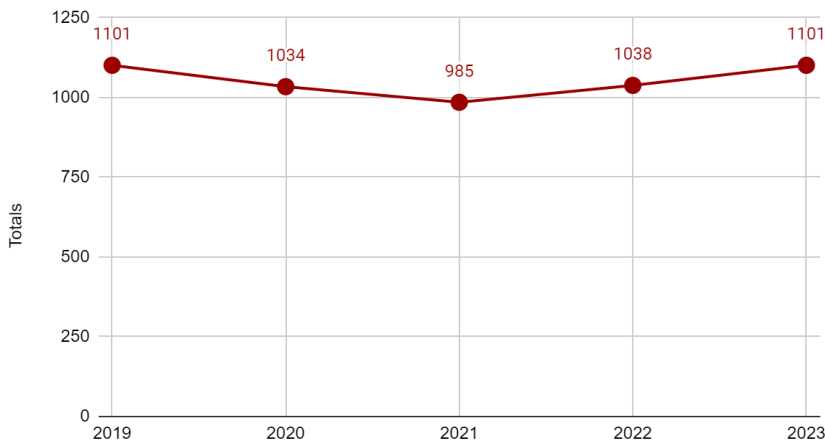
FROM: Director of Special Education - Kris Mayes

RE: Special Education December 1 Child Count Report

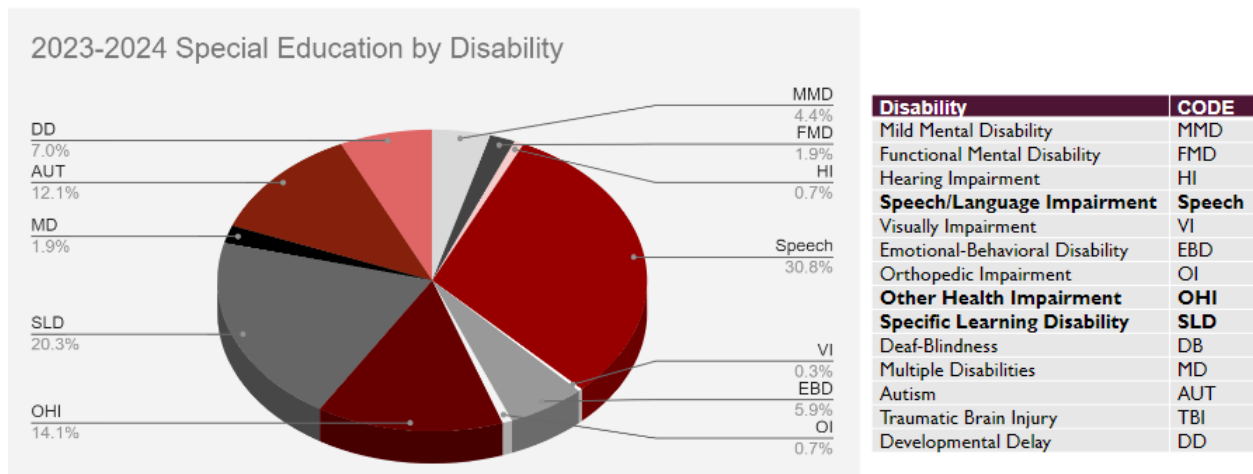
Special Education December 1 Child Count 2023

We have returned to our pre-covid numbers. The total number of Special Education Students as of December 1, 2023 is **1101** which is 16.1% of our student population. The table below shows the December 1 Child Count trend over the last 5 years.

December 1 Child Count Trend



Speech/Language Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, and Other Health Impairment continue to be our 3 largest groups with Autism continuing to rise each year over the past 7 years. The table below shows a breakdown of the different eligibility areas as of this year.



The table below is a breakdown of the staffing we have currently and over the previous 3 years.

Special Education Staff Totals				
Positions	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
Teachers	73	67	68	65
Para-Professionals	49	43	41	45
Speech Language Pathologists	16	16	16	16
Speech Language Pathologists Assistants	0	2	2	2
Interpreters	2	3	3	2
Interpreters Assistants	1	0	0	0
Psychologists	6	6	6	6
Occupational Therapists	2	2	2	2
Physical Therapists	1	1	1	1
Physical Therapists Assistants	1	1	1	1
Special Education Coaches	4	4	4	4
Special Education Consultant	1	1	1	1
Director	1	1	1	1
Assistant Director	1	1	1	1
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	1
TOTAL:	159	149	148	148

The table below is a breakdown of how many students require special transportation and how many vehicles/buses used to transport these students, including the last 3 years.

Transportation (T5)				
Year	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
Students	129	120	112	101
Buses	9	9	11	11
Vehicles	0	2	2	2

We currently have the following special programs to meet the needs of our most significant students. There are currently 164 students participating in these intense programs.

- Moderate/Severe Disabilities Classroom - 9 classrooms district wide at all levels
- Structured Resource Classroom - 3 classrooms at the elementary level
- Positive Approach to Student Success (PASS) - 7 classrooms district wide at all levels.
- Behavior Resource Classroom - 2 classrooms serving Middle and High School students

If you have any specific questions please don't hesitate to reach out.