



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

January, 2024

**Department of Exceptional Children focus for the month of January 2024:**

- Kentucky Department of Education 2023 Parent Survey (attached)

The Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSEEL), is responsible for conducting an annual survey of parents who have a child with a disability, ages 3-21. The goal of the survey is to determine how well schools facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving special education services and results for children with disabilities.

Results of the parent survey serves as a foundational document to improve parental involvement and guide decisions regarding special education programming at Newport Independent Schools.

**2023 KDE Parent Survey Results for Newport Independent Schools:**

- 112 Newport Parents Responded to the survey.
  - 100% of Parent's felt that the school involved them in a meaningful way to improve services and results for their child.
  - 100% of Parent's felt that the school staff welcomed them to participate in the planning of their child's special education services.
  - 100% of Parents of students 14 years of age and older indicated the school prepared their child for future employment.
  - Survey results report 4.04 Mean Score for parent response when they were asked to rate their understanding of the IEP Process. Using, a scale of 1-5, where 1= "I don't understand the IEP process at all" and 5 = "I fully understand the IEP process".
  - When ask to describe how they feel about being involved with their child's educations:
    - 54.46% Parents reported they are very involved with their child's education.
    - 13.39% Parents reported they want to be involved in their child's education in their own way and do not need the school's help.
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- 23.21% Parents reported they want to be more involved, but I'm too busy with other commitments.
- 12.50% Parents reported they want to be more involved, but they don't know how.

To strengthen parent partnerships, increase parent understanding of the IEP process and increase parent's involvement in their child's education NIS staff encourages parents to access the following websites:

- Kentucky Department of Education Parent and Family Toolbox  
<https://education.ky.gov/specialed/excep/Pages/FamParTool.aspx>
- Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network (KY-SPIN)  
<https://www.kyspin.com/about/>
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**Exceptional Children Programming Rates:**

- **Special Education Services** – 194 Students
- **504 Programming Rates** – 15 Students

**Related Service Enrollments:**

- Speech & Language- 36
- Occupational Therapy – 30
- Physical Therapy –6
- Mental Health Therapy- 39
- Orientation and Mobility – 1

**Alternate Service Location Enrollments:**

- Restore Program – 7
- Home/Private School Students – 0
- Newport School of Innovation- 1
- Campbell Regional School-4

**District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:**

Number of Students Receiving Individual Therapy:

- Newport Primary School-Krysten Munn  
23 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport Intermediate School-Brandy Mains  
26 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport High School-Hannah Lunde  
34 Students Total/Caseload

Respectfully Submitted,

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