



August 2024 ~ Board Report

Special Education and Preschool

1. I am requesting to submit the Application for Medicaid Certification for the 2024-2025 school year. Medicaid certification allows us to bill for reimbursement for related services providers. The funds generated go into the general fund. KSBA will be our 3rd Party Billing Agent.
2. Mr. Smith completed the 4-day Orton-Gillingham Training through a scholarship from NKCES this week. He is excited to utilize this program with his students this school year!

The Orton-Gillingham approach introduces the idea of breaking reading and spelling down into smaller skills involving letters and sounds and then building on these skills over time.

To properly teach the Orton-Gillingham approach, teachers must complete specialized training. Several training programs accredited in Structured Literacy incorporate the Orton-Gillingham approach. These programs use the Science of Reading research to drive all instruction so that educators are equipped with the tools, resources, and skills they need to integrate research-based, explicit, systematic, and multi-sensory instruction into their curriculum.



3. The Little Lions Camp and Me and My School ended their programs with a trip to the Wilder Splash Pad on August 1st. Thankful the weather cooperated so they could enjoy their last day celebration!



4. Preschool screenings are scheduled for August 19th and August 20th. The screenings include a speech & language screening, cognitive screening, social emotional screening, and motor skills screening.



5. Mrs. Courtney Scott and I attended the Module 1 and Module 2 Pyramid Model training for the new Kentucky All STARS rating system on July 30th and 31st. We will be attending Module 3 on September 6th and Module 4 on November 22nd.

I will also be attending the Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT) Reliability Training on August 29th and 30th in Lexington to be able to evaluate our program based on the new All STARS rating system.

Pyramid Model

Pyramid Model is a **research-based and developmentally appropriate** framework for supporting the social/emotional development of young children in **all early childhood settings**

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6. Unfortunately, Mrs. Tracy Moore, Mrs. Nancy Smith, and Ms. Mia Watts will not be returning to Southgate as Para Educators for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Tracy and Ms. Mia will be subbing though.

Ms. Weber, Mrs. Hansman, and I have interviewed a list of candidates and have chosen the three candidates we felt were best suited to fill the positions. They will be joining the new staff orientation on Friday and Professional Development activities scheduled for next week.



7. I am looking forward to working with the Southgate Board of Education, Administration Team, and Special Education Staff in the 2024-2025 School Year to provide our students with special needs the things they need to make them successful and reach their full potential!

*Pursuing Academic Excellence and Developing Strong Character for **Every** Student.....Every Day!*

