



## Special Education Report

September 2024

1. Southgate currently serves 37 students in Special Education – 33 at Southgate, 2 at St. Therese, and 2 at the Regional School.

➡ Special education is instruction that is specially designed to meet the unique needs of children who have disabilities.

➡ Special education and related services are provided in public schools at no cost to the parents and can include special instruction in the classroom, at home, in hospitals or institutions, or in other settings.

➡ The [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#) law gives eligible children with disabilities the right to receive special services and assistance in school.

➡ More than 6.8 million children ages 3 through 21 receive special education and related services each year in the United States.

2. Preschool students began on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are currently 17 students enrolled in preschool.



**3. Preschool hosted Goodies with Grandparents on Monday, September 9, 2024. It was great to see so many Grandparents in the classroom celebrating Grandparents Day with our students!**



4. **The Preschool Cub School Program is hosted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from October – April.**

**➡ Southgate Cub School is open to children ages 1-3 who are not currently enrolled in preschool, along with their parent or guardian.**

**➡ Southgate Cub School allows students to participate in circle time with stories and songs, classroom exploration, playtime, and socialization activities.**

5. **The Brigance Kindergarten Readiness Assessment will be administered to all kindergarten students within the next few weeks. I will share our Kindergarten Readiness Scores once available.**



**The Brigance Kindergarten Screen III is aligned with Kentucky’s definition of school readiness; each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promotes the child’s success. Kentucky is proud to implement a common Kindergarten Screen that considers the whole child; cognitive, language, motor, social emotional, and self help skills. Approaches to learning are intertwined within both the basic screen and the social/emotional, self-help scales. The Brigance Kindergarten Screen III also takes into account that children develop at different rates.**