

January 13, 2025

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

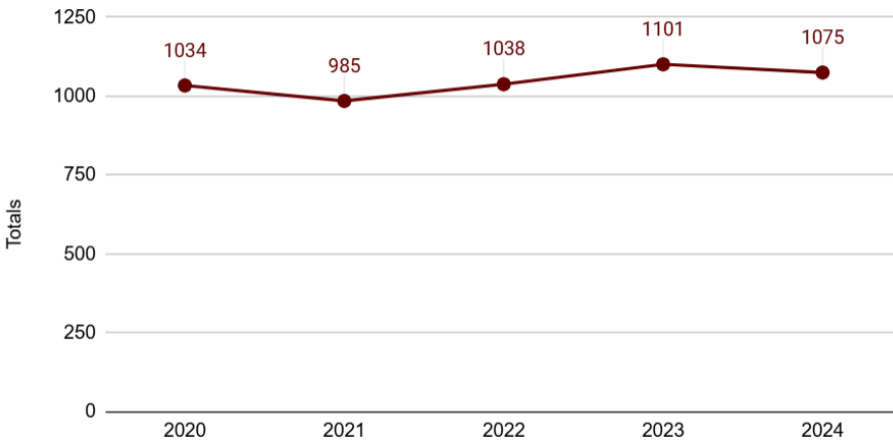
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RE: Special Education December 1 Child Count Report

Special Education December 1 Child Count 2024

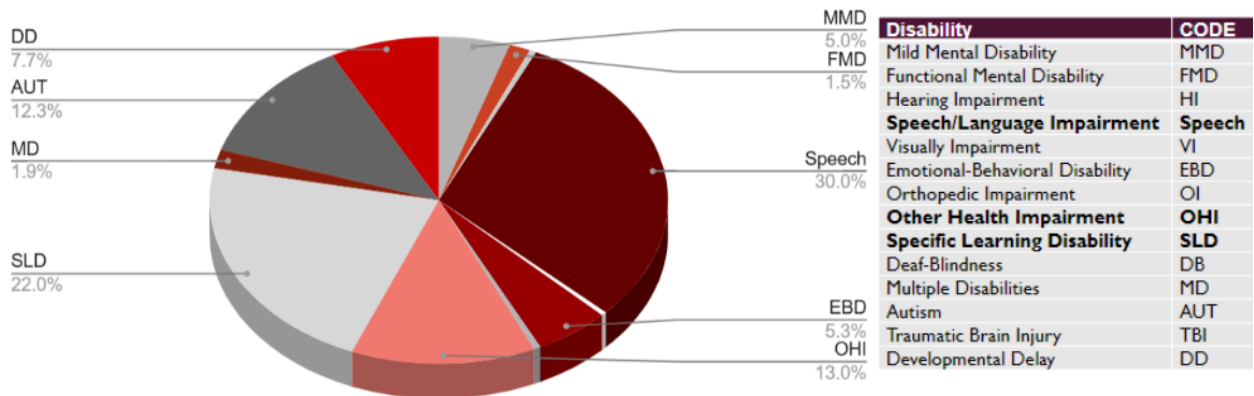
The total number of Special Education Students as of December 1, 2024 is **1075** which is **16.1%** of our student population. The table below shows the December 1 Child Count trend over the last 5 years.

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 8 years. The table below shows a breakdown of the different eligibility areas as of this year.

2024-2025 Special Education by Disability



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

Special Education Staff Totals				
Positions	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Teachers	67	68	65	68
Para-Professionals	43	41	45	45
Speech Language Pathologists	16	16	16	15
Speech Language Pathologists Assistants	2	2	2	3
Interpreters	3	3	2	0
Psychologists	6	6	6	6
Occupational Therapists	2	2	2	2
Occupational Therapists Assistant	0	0	0	1
Physical Therapists	1	1	1	1
Physical Therapists Assistant	1	1	1	1
Special Education Coaches	4	4	4	4
Special Education Consultant	1	1	1	0
Director	1	1	1	1
Assistant Director	1	1	1	1
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	1
TOTAL:	149	148	148	149

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	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Students	120	112	101	96
Buses	9	11	11	9
Vehicles	2	2	2	2

We currently have the following special programs to meet the needs of our most significant students. There are currently 147 students participating in these intense programs.

- Moderate/Severe Disabilities Classroom - 9 classrooms district wide at all levels
- Structured Resource Classroom - 4 classrooms at the elementary level
- Positive Approach to Student Success (PASS) - 6 classrooms district wide at all levels.
- Behavior Resource Classroom - 1 classrooms serving Middle and High School students

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