



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

August 27, 2025

1. Unified Sports Participation

We are excited to share that we are in the process of registering to participate in the Unified Champion Schools Initiative again this school year. Through this initiative, our students will have the opportunity to engage in Special Olympics Unified Sports, which bring together students with and without disabilities to train, compete, and build meaningful friendships. We look forward to continuing to foster inclusion, teamwork, and school-wide community spirit within the Newport Independent School District through this program.

Enrollment Snapshot August 2025:

May 2025 Special Education Population- 238 Students

August 2025 Special Education Population - 220 Students

Autism- 17%
Developmental Delay- 14%
Functional Mental Disability- 2%
Emotional Behavioral Disability- 7%
Mild Mental Disability- 11%
Multiple Disability- 1%
Orthopedic Impairment- 1%
Other Health Impairment- 15%
Specific Learning Disability- 12%
Speech and Language Impairment- 18%
Traumatic Brain Injury-<1%
Visually Impaired- 1%

Alternate Service Locations:

- Regional Schools Program - 9 Students
- Home/Private School Students - 0 Students
- Newport School of Innovation- 6 Students

- Newport Regional School - 11 Students

Current Non-Resident Student Population- 12 students

504 Programming Rates – 33 Students

Current Initial Evaluations- 10 Students

September Re-evaluations- 7 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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