



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

October 22, 2025

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of individuals with disabilities—beginning with the students we serve each day. Across our district, students with disabilities are demonstrating growth, perseverance, and leadership in classrooms and beyond.

Teachers and support staff continue to emphasize inclusive practices that allow every student to engage meaningfully in learning. Through targeted instruction, assistive technology, and opportunities for self-advocacy, students are developing essential skills for independence and success after graduation.

This month, we celebrate the unique strengths our students bring to the learning community and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all learners are supported, challenged, and valued.

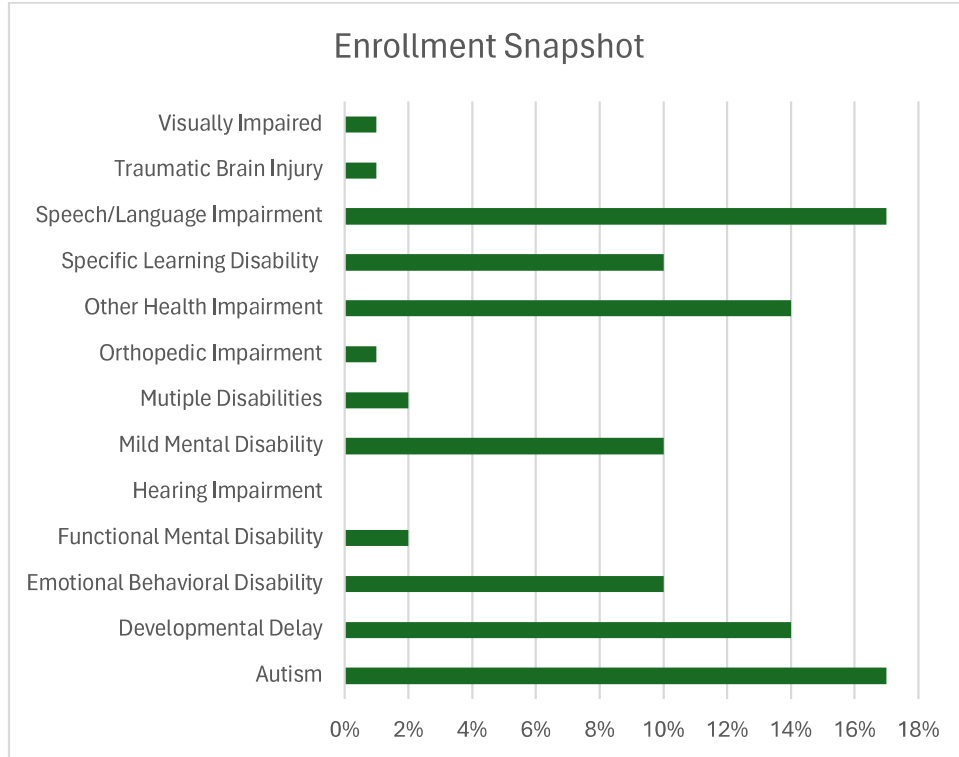
Enrollment Snapshot October 2025:

September 2025: 224 Students

October 2025: 229 Students

Special Education Population

- Autism- 17%
- Developmental Delay- 14%
- Emotional Behavioral Disability- 10%
- Functional Mental Disability- 2%
- Hearing Impairment- <1%
- Mild Mental Disability- 10%
- Multiple Disabilities- 2%
- Orthopedic Impairment- 1%
- Other Health Impairment- 14%
- Specific Learning Disability- 10%
- Speech and Language Impairment- 17%
- Traumatic Brain Injury-1%
- Visual Impairment- 1%



Alternate Service Locations:

- Regional Schools Program - <10 Students
- Home/Private School Students - 0 Students
- Newport School of Innovation- <10 Students
- Newport Regional School - 19 Students

Current Non-Resident Student Population- 12 students

504 Programming Rates –32 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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