

March 2026 Board Report
Office of Special Student Populations

Special Education

The Special Education team is reviewing and researching a resource called GoalBook that will facilitate student learning and drafting of IEPs that are aligned to standards with personalized progress monitoring and instructional tools based on student present levels of performance. Currently waiting on a quote to pilot this program.

Staff at BHS are working on plans for community-based instruction with peer mentors at Perspectives: Skills for Life. The goal is to have at least two trips out there this school year with a regular schedule of visits for the 26-27 school year. The next tour is scheduled for April 1st to take staff who were unable to attend last time.

Early Childhood Services

Current preschool enrollment is 53 students.

Federal Count on March 1 was completed and submitted on time. Preschool GMAP is currently open and has been submitted for program approval.

Tigers CUBS monthly book program currently sends 91 books a month home to infants and toddlers in our district which include fun tips and tricks about reading with your young child.

Hear our ROAR weekly book distribution continues with all preschool students taking home one book each week to build their home libraries.

Tiger Tots Academy dates have been set for March 12, 19, 26 and April 2. Registration for up to 20 families opened on Friday, 2/13.

NKCES has begun a Preschool Coordinator PLN. The early learning leaders of the region are creating a vision and messaging around the importance of preschool and exploring parent and community involvement events as well as a specially designed instruction toolkit specifically for preschool students. The next Preschool PLN meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.

Title

Title meetings with principals are being held to prioritize spending for each building. Budgets will need to hold funds for some resource renewals and salaries. Final spending plans have been drafted and funds will be supporting professional learning for staff, interactive classroom displays and parent engagement activities.

Grants

Two safety grants have opened. One is for new AEDs and one is for equipment such as lighting, safety signage, emergency preparedness supplies, etc. Jim Hicks is working on completing both of these grants.

The new GCF grant has not yet opened for resubmit our Catalyst for Curiosity – Experience Matters proposal.