



Special Education and Preschool Board Report

October 2026

1. Some of our special education students enjoyed a visit to Perspectives in Florence a few weeks ago. Several general education students were selected to attend as well. A great time was had by all!

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WHO ARE WE?

Located at 45 Cavalier Drive in Florence, Kentucky, Perspectives: Skills for Life is a non-profit facility and the newest facility of its kind in the Northern Kentucky area. We will provide a welcoming environment where individuals ages 11 and up with autism and other disabilities can thrive.

Perspectives isn't just a program. It's a lifeline to individuals with autism and other developmental differences to learn social and life skills that so many of us take for granted. It's also more than just the lessons we teach. We're a community built on understanding, empathy and growth, a place where adolescents and young adults discover that they matter, belong, and deserve the same opportunities for meaningful connections as everyone else



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How is Perspectives meeting the need?

Perspectives is the newest comprehensive social skills program in the Tri-State with its own state-of-the-art facility. This is so meaningful to the region that it transforms the entire dynamic. Whereas it used to be the case that families from NKY had to drive to Cincinnati for critical services, families from all over the Tri-State will now be driving to NKY to attend Perspectives



2. Ms. Krebs has scheduled her very 1st preschool field trip and has invited our MSD students to go as well. They will be spending the day at Neltner's Farm enjoying all things Fall!



3. MAP Testing Data:



Get clarity for making critical decisions

Educators trust the computer-adaptive MAP Growth assessments to inform their most impactful decisions about student learning.

The information provided is only for special education students who attended Southgate last year. I will report on the progress for all students after the winter MAP test has been completed.

56% of our students receiving special education in **reading increased their MAP scores from Spring 2026 to Fall 2026**

20% of our students receiving special education in **math increased their MAP scores from Spring 2026 to Fall 2026.**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our special education teachers and support staff for everything they do every day to provide support for our students!

4. Total number of students with IEPs

We currently have 32 students with active IEPs receiving special education. This is equal to the number we had at this time last year.

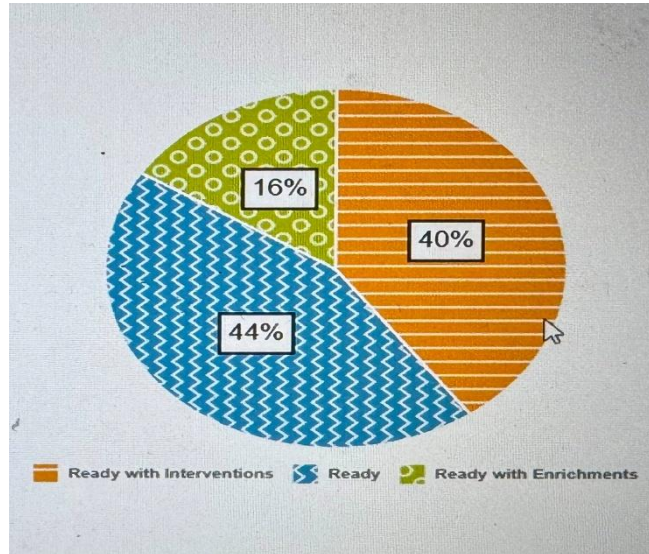
5. Preschool Enrollment Count

We currently have 19 students enrolled in preschool. We have an additional student transitioning from First Steps in the next month, which will increase the count to 20. We had 17 students enrolled in preschool at this time last year.

6. Kindergarten Readiness Numbers

2026-2027 Kindergarten Readiness Scores

60% of our students tested Ready for Kindergarten in 2026-2027



2025-2026 Kindergarten Readiness Scores

63.3% of our students tested Ready for Kindergarten in 2025-2026

