

October 2021 Special Services

Reading Virtual Academy-

Parents have enrolled their children in RVA knowing that their child must come into the buildings in order to receive special education and ESL services. You should take attendance for your intervention groups in order to keep track of the services they have received.

Interventions for SPELA students:

ESL and Special Ed case managers should collaborate in order to assure students are receiving services from both departments.

Special Education:

Child count.

All IEPs due **before 12/1** must be completed **by 11/12**. If you have been given a different date by your building PC, then follow that date. Most buildings have been told 11/12.

(IEP written, approved by LEA with checklist, hold meeting, make any changes during the meeting, signature paperwork scanned, signature paperwork uploaded to IEP plus, give to lead teacher to finalize with the checklist)

IEP Audit:

Dr. Murrin proposed item 10.09 at the September 2021 Board meeting:

To approve the following teachers as IEP auditors for the 2021-2022 academic year

Jennifer Fitzgerald Matthew Heaney Kate Speaks

Dr. Murrin explained, at the board meeting, that this started last year with Dr. Leavy and will continue this year as well. This item was approved by the board 9/22. IEPs will be pulled and reviewed by the auditors. If errors are discovered by the auditors, then the PCs will be alerted by the auditors, so that they can contact case managers. PCs will direct case managers to make necessary revisions.

Paperwork:

We are overwhelmed with incomplete RRs from last year, as well as extra IEPs due to caseloads being over. If you feel that you cannot complete any paperwork, or hold meetings, in order to stay in compliance, reach out to your PC in an email stating exactly what you may not complete on time.

Virtual meetings:

IEP meetings should continue to be held virtually. All team members must attend. You should not request that parents excuse team members at this time.

PSEA's Special Education Conference: will tentatively be in person at the Penn Stater on March 4-5, 2022. Please look for more information forthcoming.

ESL:

Ellevation monitoring forms: Requests to complete the forms have been sent out for the first quarter. They were due October 1. If a student is flagged in the system, the ESL case manager will contact you about the student. If you have any questions about monitoring forms, please reach out to your grade level ESL teacher.

Director of ESL:

Wanda Crespo has been approved by the School Board, at the Sept 2021 meeting, to be the interim Assistant Superintendent. She will be in this position as they continue a search for candidates to fill Dr. Mumin's position as Superintendent. We have not been updated on who will assist with the Director of ESL position.

ESL Supervisor: Angel Zimmerman

ESL Title III Program Facilitators: Leo Hanley & Jessica Rech

*****Please invite Beth and Chrissie to your monthly building meetings. We would be happy to attend and support you. We would like to hold virtual informational meetings, as well, in order to support you. More information will be shared ASAP.**

Respectfully submitted,

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