
Region 9 BOE, January 2018

— Special Education Presentation —

What is Special Education?

- A service, not a place
- Specialized instruction
- Inclusive
- Data driven
- Belief that all children can learn

Law behind Special Education: IDEIA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act

- Federal legislation that is designed to ensure that students with disabilities (ages 3-21) are provided with a free and appropriate public education.
- **Following are the six major principles of the IDEIA, focusing on students' rights and the responsibilities of public schools to children with disabilities.**
- Free Appropriate Public Education...
- Appropriate Evaluation...
- Individualized Education Plan...
- Least Restrictive Environment...
- Parent Participation...
- Procedural Safeguards...

Continuum of Special Education Services

Least Restrictive to Most Restrictive

Related Services

Consultant Teacher

Co-Taught Class

Resource Program

Special Class

Out-of-district Placement

Homebound/Hospital – Based Instruction

New students enrolling in the district & Students with IEPs % of Total Enrollment

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
# of new students enrolling in the district	34	36	32	30	42
% of new students each year with IEP's enrolling in the district	3 out of 34 (8.8%)	6 out of 36 (16.6%)	4 out of 32 (12.5%)	5 out of 30 (16.6%)	8 out of 42 (19.4%)
Total school enrollment (As of Oct 1st)	1067	1050	1008	952	894
# of IEP Students enrolled at JBHS (As of Oct 1st)	125	121	130	120	114
Prevalence Rate	11.5%	11.2%	12.3%	12.0%	12.8%

Budgetary impact: newly enrolled students with IEP

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
# of newly enrolled students who impacted budget	0	4	1	1	4
Financial impact of newly enrolled	\$0	\$88,637	\$182,863	\$272,169	\$287,000
<u>Unanticipated Costs</u> Financial impact of all students whose situations have changed (different program, tuition increases, new trauma, agreement)	--	--	--	--	\$742,504 (see next slide)

Unanticipated Cost Funding

Spent or projected (includes \$742,504)	\$2,941,223
Budget	\$1,406,599
Grant (excess cost @ 73%)	\$1,202,868
Shortage	(\$331,756)

Legal Costs

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (ytd)
Total # of due process filings	3	5	4	5	2
Total legal costs/yr	\$11,219	\$75,217	\$49,194	\$66,511	\$21,482
Total settlement costs/yr	\$77,000	\$301,805	\$369,565	\$356,721	\$348,100
Amount planned in budget for settlement costs	\$77,000	\$117,000	\$336,855	\$263,350	\$229,100

Outplacements: Number and Costs

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (tbd)
Transition services (18-21 year-olds)	6	3	4	8	9
Unilateral placement	2	7	9	8	6
PPT placed or maintained placement	10	11	12	14	13 (2 pending)
Placed by PPT prior to Region 9	7 of 10	6 of 11	6 of 12	7 of 14	4 of 13
Placed by Region 9 PPT	3 of 10	5 of 11	6 of 12	7 of 14	9 of 13
# returning to district	1	0	2	1	0
Total cost of outplacements	\$755,332	\$695,323	\$1,208,496	\$1,581,002	\$1,738,355 (include estimate excess cost grant at 73%)

Outplacements: Grade and Venue

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Grade in which a new placement is initiated	0	Gr 9 Gr 10 Gr 11	Gr 10 Gr 11	Gr 9 Gr 10 Gr 11	Gr 9 Gr 10 Gr 11 Gr 12
Number of venues	12	11	12	15	16
Venues	CES, West Connect, Oxford, ECD, Seton, ASD, Perkins, St Catherine, CCCS, Green Chimneys, Giant Steps	CES, CCCD, West Connect, St Catherine, Perkins, Marvelwood, Giant Steps, Maplebrook, ECD, Ironwood, Cedarhurst	CES, ECD, West Connect, RISE, CCCD, Marvelwood, Cedarhurst, Perkins, Giant Steps, St Vincent, Wellspring, Landmark	CES, RISE, West Connect, Landmark, ECD, Spire, CCCD, Giant Steps, Walden, St Vincent, Wellspring, NECC, Pinnacle, Cedarhurst	CES, RISE, Step Forward, West Connect, Perkins, Spire, Woodhouse, CCCD, Walden, Giant Steps, NECC, Cedarhurst, Westport Day, Boys & Girls Village, Grove

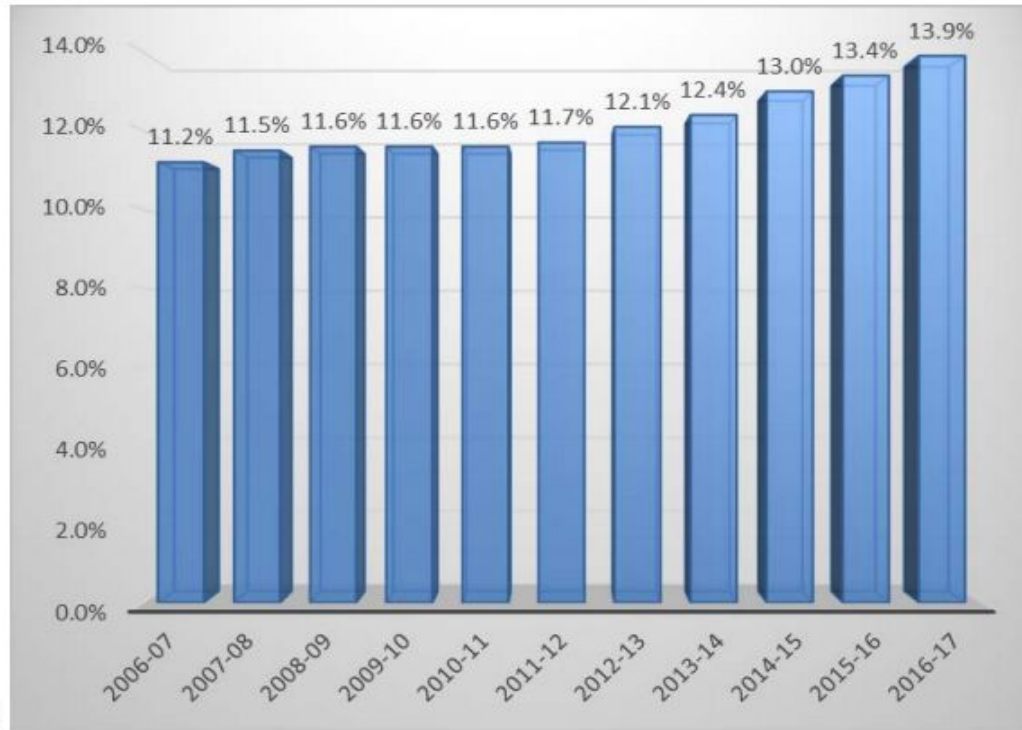
Special Education Historical Budgets

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total Special Ed. Budget 1200/1211	\$3,253,000	\$3,240,890	\$3,678,863	\$4,435,495	\$4,701,045
Total Expenditures 1200/1211	\$3,141,707	\$3,223,086	\$3,866,327	\$4,613,071	
Overage	\$0	\$0	\$188,030	\$177,516	

Historical Budget - 1200/1211 Line Overages

	111 Cert salary	114 Other Pay (cert)	221 SS/ Medicaid (cert)	222 SS/ Medicaid (non-cert)	330 Other prof serv	510 Trans- portation	561 Public Tuition	563 Private Tuition
2013-14			672				85,630	
2014-15	30,544	5,555	1,976	120	82,709		1,629	18,311
2015-16					74,679	39,321	54,581	172,136
2016-17	49,293		158			1,413	9,415	364,082
2017-18 As of 1/23/18	15,039					31,175		143,111 (includes ECG)

Connecticut K-12 Special Education Prevalence Rate



Where is the change occurring?

YEAR	Preschool Prevalence	K-3 Prevalence	4-8 Prevalence	9-12 Prevalence	18-21 yr old Count	18-21 yr old rate of change
2011-12	27.9%	9.2%	12.9%	12.8%	3886	
2012-13	27.3%	9.4%	13.3%	13.2%	3926	1.0%
2013-14	26.9%	9.6%	13.5%	13.7%	3971	1.1%
2014-15	26.4%	10.2%	13.9%	14.4%	3980	0.2%
2015-16	26.6%	10.4%	14.5%	14.8%	4007	0.7%
2016-17	27.2%	11.0%	14.9%	15.4%	4285	6.9%
Change	-0.7%	1.8%	2.0%	2.6%		

DRG Data, 2016-17

Special Education

Identification Rates

47 districts over 15%

16 district 10% or less

Darien	12.9%
New Canaan	10.4%
Ridgefield	9.5%
Region 9	12.0%
Weston	9.5%
Westport	10.4%
Wilton	13.5%
Easton	10.4%
Redding	12.1%
State of CT	13.9%

DRG Data, 2016-17

Due Process Filings

Darien	6
New Canaan	1
Ridgefield	7
Region 9	5
Weston	2
Westport	8
Wilton	10
Easton	2
Redding	1

Special Education, 2018-19 Projection

2017-18					2018-19		
	SpEd	3E	Out		SpEd	3E	Out
Gr 9	17	4	1		29	2	1
Gr 10	22	5	3		17	4	3
Gr 11	17	1	5		22	5	4
Gr 12	17	3	9		17	1	4
18-21 yr			10			2	13
Total	73	13	28		85	14	24
Grand Total	114				123		

Tuition Lines, 2018-19 Projection

Exiting students (no longer in budget)	(\$833,806)	13 students
Continuing in the budget	\$1,737,062	14 students
New funding in the budget	\$636,930	10 students
Total Tuition 561 & 563	\$2,373,992	
(Excess Cost Grant)	(\$865,457)	
Budget Request	\$1,508,535	
Change from 2017-18	\$101,936	

Budget Drivers, 2018-19

To maintain quality staffing in-district in order to meet the needs of our students: certified staff \$1,004,083; non-certified staff \$683,043

To provide mandated related services so students may access and benefit from their IEP: transportation \$700,008

To provide appropriate support for students based on their unique needs and challenges: public tuition \$306,903; private tuition \$1,201,632