

**Holmdel Township Board of Education
Special Service Committee**

2013 Committee Annual Report

1. Special Service Students Population Update

As of December 2013, the number of students with the IEPs:

Village:	129,
Indian Hill:	99,
Satz:	78,
HHS:	149,
Out of District:	18
Total:	473 Students (September 2013, 461 Students)

2. Special Service programs

ESY (Extended School Year) updated—ESY is held July 8th to August 15th, 4 days a week, from 9 am to 1 pm.

STRIVE—Café 101, Thanksgiving Feast, a new program “Craft Shop” is in the planning stage

New—Social Skills training program for Village and Indian Hill students

New— Cog MED— A targeted group of children with ADHD

3. Special Service Curriculum

In 2014-2015, Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B courses will be replaced by one year of Algebra 1 and a Math Lab course

4. 2013 Sport Expo

2013 Sport Expo (Regional Special Olympic) took place on June 4th, 2013, and it was a highly successful event. The 2014 event is being planned and will take place on Tuesday, June 3rd.

5. Name Changes

The Transition Autism Committee has been renamed, and is now the Special Education Planning Committee. Two groups have been formed, one for Village and Indian Hill, and one for Satz and HHS.

Focus topics:

1. Adaptive PE and Health curriculum for students with IEPs
2. Life Skills programs
3. Planning the PD days for substitute teachers and monitors
 - The Best Buddies Student group has been renamed Team Unify

6. Contracted Professional Providers

In June, the Special Services committee reviewed and recommended a list of professional providers for 2013/2014.

7. New position for Special Service Department

A full time Teacher/Behavior Specialist was hired.

8. Special Education Organization List

The chart of special education teachers, contracted service providers and their assignments were reviewed.

9. Professional Development for Staff

- Share Out collaborative workshop for Occupational Therapist Department
- Coalition of Inclusive Education workshop
- Regional Professional Development Academy (RPDA) Catalog (available to parents as well)
- Foundations Training
- Enhancing Student Opportunity in an Inclusive Setting workshop
- What to do before the Behaviorist arrives in your classroom workshop for new teachers
- Re-Think Autism software
- iPad training

10. Policies Updates

The Special Services Committee reviewed and updated Policy #2363 (Pupil use of privately-owned technology) and Policy #2468 (Independent Educational Evaluation). The BOE approved the updated revisions.

11. Awards

Mrs. Riegal(formally, Ms. Cancillieri) received a tuition award for a Distance Education Master of Art program of the Youth Transition.

Schools nurses received the “2012/2013 Asthma Friendly School” award.

12. Pre-School Tuition Students Updates

Current Enrollments of Tuition students: 4 year old program - 18 students, 3 years old program - 13 students
Orientation day for 2014/2015: February 6, 2015, at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., at Village School

13. Donations

The Special Olympics Organization of New Jersey is supporting the Sports Expo in June.

The Eye First Center in Middletown, NJ is supporting the district’s Autism program.

14. Nursing Plan

The Nursing Plan was reviewed and submitted to the County Office.

15. Legal Updates

The new bill for the Professional Development of “Dyslexia Law” has passed.

All Special Service related legal updates will be presented at the BOE executive meeting.

16. ARISE Parent Group Update

Some parents are showing interest to re-energize this state mandated parent group.

Sincerely Submitted,
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Chair