

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

**Special Services Committee 2014 Annual Report  
(February 2014 - November 2014)**

**1. Special Service students population update**

As of November 2014, the number of students with the IEPs:

Village:	125
Indian Hill:	98
Satz:	80
HHS:	131
Out of district service:	13

Total: 447 students – including 3 home instruction and 1 placement by State  
(September 2014, 441 students)

**2. Special Service programs for Students**

- ESY (Extended School Year) updated - July 7th - August 14<sup>th</sup>; 4 days a week, 9 am to 1 pm. 76 participants
- STRIVE—Cafe 103, Thanksgiving Feast
- Life Skills Classroom (IH, HHS)
- Social Skills Program (VS IH)

**3. Special Service Curriculum (Math—HHS)**

- Algebra 1 and Math Lab course was implemented in September
- 2 Math labs were offered
- Programs reinforces skills for both general and special education students

**4. Project Unify Grant**

- 2014 Sport Expo (Regional Special Olympic) took place on June 3, 2014
- 2015 event is being planned and will take place on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>
- \$9000 total grant for all 4 schools funds for 2014-15 school year

**5. Disability Awareness Month**

District-wide activities were implemented in all 4 schools

**6. Contracted Professional Providers**

The Special Services committee reviewed and recommended the list of professional providers for 2014-15 in June

**7. New Classrooms for Special Service Students**

- Satz - Self-Contained Autism Classroom
- Village - Multiple Disabilities Classroom

**8. New Position for Special Service Department**

The Social Skill Facilitator position and Job Description were approved

**9. Special Education Organization List**

The Chart of Special Education teachers, contracted service providers and their assignments were reviewed

**10. Professional Development for staff**

- Coalition of Inclusive Education provided several workshops
- Regional Professional Development Academy (RPDA) Catalog (available to parents as well)
- Foundations Training
- Enhancing Student Opportunity in an Inclusive Setting workshop
- Workshop for new Special Education teachers — Topics: “Preparing for IEP meeting” and “Classroom Management”
- Village and Indian Hill Monitors trainings — Topics: “Handle with Care”, “CPR/AED” and “Sign Language”
- Dyslexia updates

**11. 2014-15 Pre-school updates**

- Current enrolments of tuition students as of November 2014:  
4 year old program - 17 students (9 tuitions, 8 IEPs)  
3 year old program: 22 students (9 tuitions, 13 IEPs)
- Exit survey will be sent to families

**12. Major Donations**

- The Special Olympics Organization of New Jersey
- The Eye First Center in Middletown, NJ

**13. Nursing Plan**

The nursing plan from our four schools was reviewed and will continue to be reviewed annually

**14. S.W.O.T.**

Staff of Special Service Department provided the S.W.O.T. analysis

**15. Special Service Department Parent and Staff Survey**

- The survey serves as a tool to connect and assess the interests and needs in the area of Special Services
- The feedback of the survey would provide some background information in organizing a future Holmdel Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

**16. SEPAG**

- Leadership of ARISE indicated that ARISE will function as a Special Education parent group, not a Holmdel Schools District Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)
- BOE will provide the guidelines to the Special Services Department on how to form a SEPAG

Sincerely Submitted,

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