

A Brief Overview of Student Services:

Correcting a Misperception and Encouraging a Broader View

The Student Services Department is most readily known and responsible for oversight of Special Education and the associated related services. These most notably include IEP services, Out of District Placements (OOD), Integrated Pre-School Programming, and OOD Transportation.

The Department, however, encompasses much more than Special Education. The scope and breadth of the Department includes many aspects of general education and intervention services designed to support a cohesive and collaborative approach to meeting the needs of all students, K-12. Through this approach, the Department supports each school's work in meeting the varied profiles of all of the district's unique learners. As a result, the Department plays a significant and district-wide role in the development, implementation, and provision of services designed to support student learning for all students.

In addition to this, the Department manages many ancillary support and reporting requirements for the district not traditionally associated or understood to be components of Special Education. From the development and implementation of remedial or alternative interventions and curriculum (RTI Services), to the provision of tutoring services for students with acute medical or emotional challenges, the Department readily responds to any student service need the district is obliged or otherwise prompted to meet.

Examples of these include, but are not limited to:

- Health and Nursing Services
- Guidance and Counseling
- Psychological Services
- Child Find Outreach and Monitoring
- Homeless Student Monitoring, Reporting, Support and Transportation
- Home and Hospital Educational Services
- Truancy Monitoring and Reporting
- Residency Verification
- Juvenile Court Representation
- Social Service Agency Liaison
- 504 Coordination
- Crisis Management and Support Services

- General Education Student Intervention Support
- Specialized Training and Development for Staff and Administration.

These varied aspects and responsibilities of the Student Services Department should help illustrate the wider focus obliged of the Department. Supports and services are required in responding to a much broader range of district needs other than Special Education. While the emphasis of the Department's time and resources are often Special Education related, they are by no means limited to this arena.