

Special Education & Student Services News: October/November 2009

Happy Fall!

We are off to a great start to the new year.

The department has been busy this fall. We successfully completed the Williams review for the SDC programs visited. The new elementary math program is in full implementation. Many professional development opportunities are being scheduled to compliment the new "My Learning Page". The SEIS implementation is in full swing with additional training opportunities and individual support being provided.

*Fondly,
Janet*

Department Goals

- Complete the department procedural handbook, including Special Education guidance, 504 procedures, SEIS guidance, placement process, Home Hospital Instruction, and professional development opportunities.
- Implement the Truancy Recovery and Intervention Program (TRIP) with secondary students with a plan to increase ADA and decrease truancy district wide.
- Develop a plan and training modules on behavior interventions, strategies, and techniques with a plan to reduce suspensions and expulsions district wide.
- Continue to work on special education program alignment with a continuum of services within strands. Teams will determine services/placement of special education students, in the least restrictive environment and develop appropriate transition programs for 18-22 year olds.
- Develop a plan for quarterly special education parent training/supports in alignment with SELPA and plan for the parent component of CDE self-review.
- Monitor the district's performance on the CDE Special Education performance indicators and the Special Education self-review process, including a plan for areas requiring improvement.
- Monitor Budget, including cost saving measures, and alignment with programs and staff.

Celebrations

The following schools received an Outstanding Achievement Award for implementing Comprehensive Student Support programs. The awards will be given at the Ready to Learn conference in November:

- Aero Haven Elementary School
- D.W. Babcock Elementary School
- Noralto Elementary School
- Oakdale Elementary School

Northwood Elementary School will receive a "Shinning Star Award" for exemplary implementation of Comprehensive Student Support programs

Upcoming Department Meetings

PSYCHOLOGISTS

November 6

COORDINATORS

SPECIAL ED

November 10 & 24
December 8 & 22

SDC TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

December 3 or 4

Pre K SDC TEACHERS

January 8

PRESCHOOL TASK FORCE

LOCATION/DATES TBD

SP ED & STUDENT SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 19
December 17

SP/LANG THERAPISTS

November 4
December 11

COORDINATORS STUDENT SERVICES

November 6 & 20
December 4 & 18

PROGRAM SPECIALISTS SPECIAL ED

November 13 & 20
December 4

NURSES

December 9

HEALTH ASSISTANTS

November 18

MEDI-CAL

November 12
December 10

RSP TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

December 11
January 22

DEPARTMENT CHAIR SECONDARY SPECIAL ED

November 2
January 11

DCOST

November 5 & 12
December 3, 10 & 17

SARB REGION 1

November 3 & 10
December 1, 15 & 29

SARB REGION 2

November 2 & 16
December 7 & 14

COUNSELORS/OUTREACH *LOCATION/DATES TBD*

Professional Development

October 14 & 15

- Regional Leadership Training: The School as the Center of Learning: Implementing RtI²

October 16

- Second Step Training

October/November

- ProACT Training

October 23

- Elementary SDC Drop-in: Writing Grade-Level Goals for Students Taking the CMA

October 27

- Region 3 Presents: RtI and Evidence Based Practices

October 28

- PCOE SELPA Workshop: Teaching Students with Moderate to Severe Intellectual Disabilities
- DIR/Floortime Developmental-Relational Treatment of Autism and Sensory Processing Disorder

New Address and Fax Numbers

The Special Education and Student Services staff from Murchison Building and Robinson Center have moved to the District Offices on Dudley Blvd in Bays B and C.

Please make note of the new addresses and fax numbers:

Physical Address:
5115 Dudley Blvd.
McClellan, CA

Student Services Fax:
(916) 566-3592

Mailing Address:
3222 Winona Way
North Highlands, CA 95660

Special Ed Fax:
(916) 566-3598

SEIS Open Labs

Gayle Green will be facilitating two more drop-in labs for SEIS in the Oakdale Parent Center:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
7:30-10:30

Friday, November 13, 2009
1:00-3:00

My Learning Plan Open Lab

November 18, 2009
4:00-6:00

Gayle will cover how to enter information on individual forms and how to do searches for demographic information for caseload reports.