

# Special Education and Student Services

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Assistant Superintendent, Janet Balcom

*“To inspire each student to extraordinary  
achievement every day”*



# Special Education and Student Services Overview

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- The Special Education and Student Services Department supports the mission of TRUSD by:
  - Unifying and coordinating special education and student service functions
  - Supporting the district's educational program
  - Meeting legal requirements

# Department Structure

## Assistant Superintendent, Janet Balcom

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### Special Education

Director:

Pam Nolan

- Special Education Oversight • IEP Compliance • Due Process

Coordinators:

April Santos

- MPR Oversight • HHI • Secondary Curriculum/ Instruction Support

Earl Pavao

- Rio Linda Strand • Highlands Strand

Chandra Kumar

- Grant Strand K-6 • Foothill Strand

Lin Wolf (.5):

- Grant High • MLK Jr. • Rio Tierra Jr.

# Department Structure

## Assistant Superintendent, Janet Balcom

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### Student Services

Director:

Rudy Puente

- Student Services Oversight • Suspensions/Expulsions • 504 Plans • Health/Wellness • Behavior Intervention

Coordinators:

Bonita Mallory

- Nurses/Health Assistants • Emergency Preparedness • Prevention Programs

Jane Claar

- CWA Region 2 • SARB • Foster Youth • McKinney/Vento Homeless • Behavior Supports • CPS Liaison

Lin Wolf (.5):

- Expulsions • Cal SAFE • Behavior Interventions

Tracey Wiltshire:

- CWA Region 1 • SARB • Foster Youth • McKinney/Vento Homeless • Behavior Supports • CPS Liaison

# Department Structure Continued...

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## Special Education

### Program Specialists:

Carol Poteet

Donna Perkins

Joy Schurdell

Kerry Kelly

Mike Grant

Nancy Nos

Pat Wolf

Peter Schorr

## Student Services

### Program Support:

Alejandro Gutierrez

Arnel Agdipa

Diane Loyola

# Department Structure Continued...

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- 27 School Psychologists
- 30 Speech Language Pathologists
- 17 School Nurses
- 70 Resource Specialists
- 92 Special Day Class Teachers
- 20 Classified Central Office Support Staff
- 209 Classified School Site Support Staff
- 1 OT (with additional contracted OT/PT services)

# Department Goals

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- Department procedural handbook, including 504 procedures, SEIS guidance, placement process, Home Hospital Instruction, and professional development opportunities.
- Truancy Recovery and Intervention Program (TRIP) with secondary students with a plan to increase ADA and decrease truancy district wide.

# Department Goals Continued

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- Special Education program alignment with a continuum of services within strands; services/placement of special education students in the least restrictive environment; appropriate transition programs for 18-22 year olds.
- Training modules on behavior interventions, strategies, and techniques with a plan to reduce suspensions and expulsions district wide.

# Department Goals Continued

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- Quarterly special education parent training/supports in alignment with SELPA and plan for the parent component of CDE self-review.
- District's performance on the CDE Special Education performance indicators and the Special Education self-review process, including a plan for areas requiring improvement.
- Budget, including cost saving measures, and alignment of programs and staff.