



Alexandria City Public Schools

Specialized Instruction Updates

School Board Meeting
April 11, 2024





Essential Questions

- What is the three-year trend in specialized instruction enrollment data?
- How can we ensure our students with disabilities have access to high-quality instruction?
- How do we adequately prepare our students with disabilities for postsecondary success?
- How can we strengthen and enhance our family partnerships?

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Enrollment Update





3 Year Enrollment Data

School Year	Fall Membership Total Enrollment	SWD December 1 Membership Count
23-24	16,439	2,017 / 12%
22-23	16,089	1,819 / 11%
21-22	15,713	1,691 / 10%

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Specially Designed Instruction Updates





Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) Updates

Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) Partnership

- In-person sessions and asynchronous differentiated modules
- Training for Principals and Assistant Principals





Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) Updates (continued)

Readtopia Curriculum

- Special education instructional program for our students in the Community and Learning and Career Prep Programs
- K-12 access



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Transition Updates





“Transition is the process students and their families use to think about life after high school, to identify their desired outcomes, and to plan their community and school experiences to assure that students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to *achieve their goals.*”

-Virginia Department of Education





Transition Updates

Elementary Transition Support

- Starting at grade 3
- Building self-advocacy skills and self-determination





Transition Updates (continued)

Student-driven IEPs

- Priority across the division
- Empowers students through the decision making process
- Increases student self-determination





Developing Skills

Students who are **self determined** and **participate in their IEPs** have:

better
academic
outcomes



better
post-school
employment



higher
quality
of life



greater
independence



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Family Outreach





Family Outreach Updates

- Specialized Instruction open houses
- Collaboration with PTAC
- Family survey





Parent Resource Center (PRC)

- Monthly webinars
 - Amharic speaking group pilot
- Updating resources
- Principal and AP meetings



The Anne R. Lipnick Special Education
Parent Resource Center

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Next Steps





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- Enhancements to parent communication
- Continuing efforts on teacher recruitment and retention
- Early intervention efforts to decrease disproportionality





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Questions?

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