



**MCGRAW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**DISTRICT PLAN**

**2020-2022**

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## ***District Vision Statement***

***The Mission of the McGraw Central School District is to pursue the  
maximum fulfillment of each student's potential.***

***We will accomplish this by identifying student outcomes based on excellence,  
fostering and enhancing student opportunities, emphasizing student enthusiasm,  
and promoting parent, school, and community involvement.***

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The January 2020 edition of the Special Education District Plan has been designed to function as the CSE biennial report to the Board of Education regarding the current status of programs and services for resident students with disabilities.



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# **Special Education District Plan**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Section 200.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education mandates that each Board of Education, that receives an apportionment for students with disabilities pursuant to subdivision 19 of Section 3602 of the Education Law, or preschool children with disabilities pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, shall use such apportionments for special education programs and services that are in accordance with the provisions of Part 200.

Each Board of Education that receives such apportionment shall prepare a written plan in regard to special education. The Plan is to be completed by November 1, 1988 and by November 1 every second year thereafter. The present Plan, upon adoption by the McGraw Central School Board of Education, shall be on file (personally identifiable student information deleted) in the Special Education District Office and available for public inspection and review by the Commissioner. 8NYCRR200.2.C.(3)

The McGraw Central School District Plan for Special Education 2020-2022 meets the requirements of the Commissioner. Questions or comments on this plan should be directed to the Committee on Special Education (CSE), the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), or the Board of Education.

The overall effectiveness of the district's special education program is based on setting specific goals, developing action plans to meet those goals, and establishing evaluation criteria to insure that the program is effective.

The concept of least restrictive environment (LRE) is central to district provision of special education programs and services. This means that the special education programs and services needed by a student with a disability are provided to the maximum extent appropriate with students who do not have disabilities and located in the student's home school or home school district whenever possible. If programs available within district settings cannot meet a student's needs, the district arranges for program provisions out of district.

Many students attend general education classrooms with typical age peers and receive support services within this general education classroom. As part of a full continuum of services, the district also makes available special education classrooms (special classes) for students whose needs require this level of service.

The district has a commitment to collaboration – the bringing together of general and special education expertise for supporting student success. The services for any given student with a disability are determined on an individual basis by a multidisciplinary team. The decision-making process involves teachers, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, parents, administrators, the Committee on Special Education (CSE), and, as appropriate, the student. The CSE procedures for referral, evaluation, Individualized Education Program (IEP) development, placement, and review are in accordance with New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations.

## **PURPOSE FOR THIS PLAN**

- Serve as the District Plan for the two-year period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 as required by State law as a condition for receiving funding. 8NYCRR200.2
- Provide interested residents and staff of the McGraw Central School District an informational document explaining how the District supports children with disabilities.
- Provide a working document that identifies strengths and needs and sets priorities for the future.

## **CONTENTS OF THIS PLAN**

- **NATURE AND SCOPE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:** Describes the special education programs and services currently available to K – 12 students and preschool children with educational disabilities residing in the District. Descriptions of programs provided by the district in terms of group size and composition are included.
- **GRADUATION RATE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Describes an important goal of this plan – to continue to increase the number of students graduating with a Regents or Local diploma through June 2022 by utilizing a variety of approaches including: special classes, co-teaching, direct or indirect consultation teacher support, resource room support, differentiated instruction, specially designed instruction (SDI), and standard-based IEP's in order to meet the needs of students with disabilities.
- **IDENTIFICATION RATE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Presents an overview of the numbers of students identified as having educational disabilities that require an IEP.
- **SPACE ALLOCATION:** Describes policies and practices of the Board of Education to ensure the allocation of appropriate space within the district for special education programs. Appropriate space assists teachers towards meeting the needs of students and preschool children with educational disabilities, including resident students and preschool children with educational disabilities who attend BOCES programs.
- **BUDGET:** Reports figures and expense items from the current school budget that supports special education programs.
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## **AREAS OF DISABILITY**

Students between the ages of 5 and 21 qualify for special education services if they meet

the criteria for one or more of the 13 areas of disability, as determined by the CSE and as defined in Part 200.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:

**Autism:** A developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before the age of 3, that adversely affects a student's educational performance. Other characteristics often associated with autism are engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines, and unusual responses to sensory experiences. The term does not apply if a student's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the student has an emotional disturbance as defined below. A student who manifests the characteristics of autism after the age of 3 could be diagnosed as having autism if the criteria in this paragraph are otherwise satisfied.

**Deafness:** A student with a hearing impairment that is so severe that the student is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, which adversely affects educational performance.

**Deaf-Blindness:** A student with a concomitant hearing and visual impairment, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational problems that the student cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for students with deafness or students with blindness.

**Emotional Disturbance:** A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects a student's educational performance:

- An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors.
- An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers.
- Inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances.
- A generally pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression.
- A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems.

The term includes schizophrenia. The term does not apply to students who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they have an emotional disturbance.

**Hearing Impairments:** Impairments in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affect the student's educational performance, but that is not included under the definition of deafness in this section.

**Intellectual Disabilities:** Significantly sub-average general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, which adversely affects a student's educational performance.

**Learning Disabilities:** A disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which manifests itself

as an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or to do mathematical calculations. The term includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage. A student who exhibits a discrepancy of 50 percent or more between expected achievement and actual achievement determined on an individual basis shall be deemed to have a learning disability.

**Multiple Disabilities:** Concomitant impairments (such as intellectual disabilities, blindness, orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which cause educational needs that cannot be accommodated in a special education program solely for one of the impairments. The term does not include deaf-blindness.

**Orthopedic Impairments:** A severe orthopedic impairment that adversely affects a student's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by a congenital anomaly (e.g. clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments caused by disease (e.g. poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.), and impairments from other causes (e.g. cerebral palsy, amputation, fractures or burns which cause contractures, etc.).

**Other Health Impairments:** Having limited strength, vitality or alertness, including a heightened awareness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that is due to chronic or acute health problems including, but not limited to, a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, nephritis, asthma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, diabetes, attention deficit disorder, or Tourette Syndrome, which adversely affects a student's educational performance.

**Speech or Language Impairments:** A communication disorder, such as stuttering, impaired articulation, language impairment, or a voice impairment, which adversely affects a student's educational performance.

**Traumatic Brain Injury:** An acquired injury caused by an external physical force or by certain medical conditions such as stroke, encephalitis, aneurysm, anoxia or brain tumors with resulting impairments that adversely affect educational performance. The term includes open or closed head injuries or brain injury from certain medical conditions resulting in mild, moderate or severe impairments in one or more areas, including cognition, language, memory, attention, reasoning, abstract thinking, judgment, problem solving, sensory, perceptual and motor abilities, psychosocial behavior, physical functions, information processing, and speech. The term does not include injuries that are congenital or caused by birth trauma.

**Visual Impairments:** Impairments in vision that, even with correction, adversely affect a student's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness.

All students, between the ages of 3 and 5, who are determined to be eligible for special education services by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), are considered to be a "Preschool Student with a Disability." The 13 categories as outlined above do not apply to preschoolers.

## **NATURE AND SCOPE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

School age students and preschool children with disabilities are afforded the full continuum of educational services according to individual need. The educational programs available represent the continuum from general education to more restrictive special education placements. Programs within the McGraw Central School District currently meet the needs of 86% of students identified, as having a disability in the building the student would typically attend. This represents a significant commitment to educating resident students in the Least Restrictive Environment. Sixty percent of preschool students with disabilities are educated in the district's preschool program or the Head Start program also located within the district.

## **GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Part 100 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education affirms that "Students with educational disabilities are entitled to participate in curricular and extracurricular activities to the extent appropriate to their individual needs," 8NYCRR100.2 and also states that, "students with educational disabilities must have access to the full range of programs and services...to the extent appropriate to their individual needs." 8NYCRR100.2. The McGraw Central School District provides the following general education programs and services:

**Screening Program:** The McGraw Central School District is responsible for screening all new entrants and other qualifying students according to the Education Law. One of the purposes of screening is to identify students that might have an educational disability and need more in-depth evaluation to determine if special education services may be required. 8NYCRR117.3

**General Education Classes:** Students with disabilities are mainstreamed into general education classes to the maximum extent appropriate. This supports a student's opportunity to earn a Regents or Local Diploma. This also insures compliance with LRE regulations. 8NYCRR200.1 and 200.6. Currently all special education students served within district-run programs are involved in some mainstreaming that the Committee on Special Education has recommended. Given the unique learning needs of students identified by the CSE, the requirements within the general classroom may need to be modified to ensure that successful mainstreaming takes place. Part 100 requires that, "...instructional techniques and materials must be modified to the appropriate degree to allow students with educational disabilities to meet specific diploma requirements. Committees on Special Education are required to review at least annually the appropriateness of such modifications." 8NYCRR100.2. The McGraw CSE states on the IEP which curricular areas need to be modified and which testing modifications need to be utilized. Teachers, students, and parents work collaboratively to implement the specific classroom modifications for each area identified by the CSE.

**Technology:** The McGraw Central School District Technology Plan calls for staff competencies in technology relating to instructional practice and integration with curriculum standards. Technology is used to improve student achievement by effectively integrating it into teaching and learning.

**Remedial Programs:** Students with disabilities who qualify for remedial programming can be enrolled in AIS (Academic Intervention Services) and/or the district's RTI (Response to Intervention) process based on the recommendation of the remedial program administrator. The CSE will consider the unique needs of each student and the cohesiveness of the student's total program when determining if the student will participate in any district remedial program, or receive assistance through the special education program when he/she qualifies for both.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in appropriate extracurricular activities. This affords each student the opportunity to fully benefit from all educational experiences. The full range of extracurricular activities is open to all students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified to participate.

**School Counseling Program:** The District provides school counseling services to students in grades K–12. The K-6 school counselor works with staff to:

- prepare students to participate effectively in their current and future educational programs;
- help students who exhibit any attendance, academic, behavioral or adjustment problems;
- educate students concerning avoidance of child sexual abuse; and,
- encourage parental involvement. (NYSSCA, p. 2, 2015)

The 7-12 school counselor works with staff to provide:

- an annual review of each student's educational progress and career plans;
- instruction at each grade level to help students learn about various careers and ~~about~~ career planning skills;
- other advisory and individual or group counseling assistance to:
  - enable students to benefit from the curriculum;
  - help students develop and implement postsecondary education and career plans;
  - help students who exhibit attendance, academic, behavior and/or adjustment problems; and,
  - encourage parental involvement. (NYSSCA, p. 2, 2015)

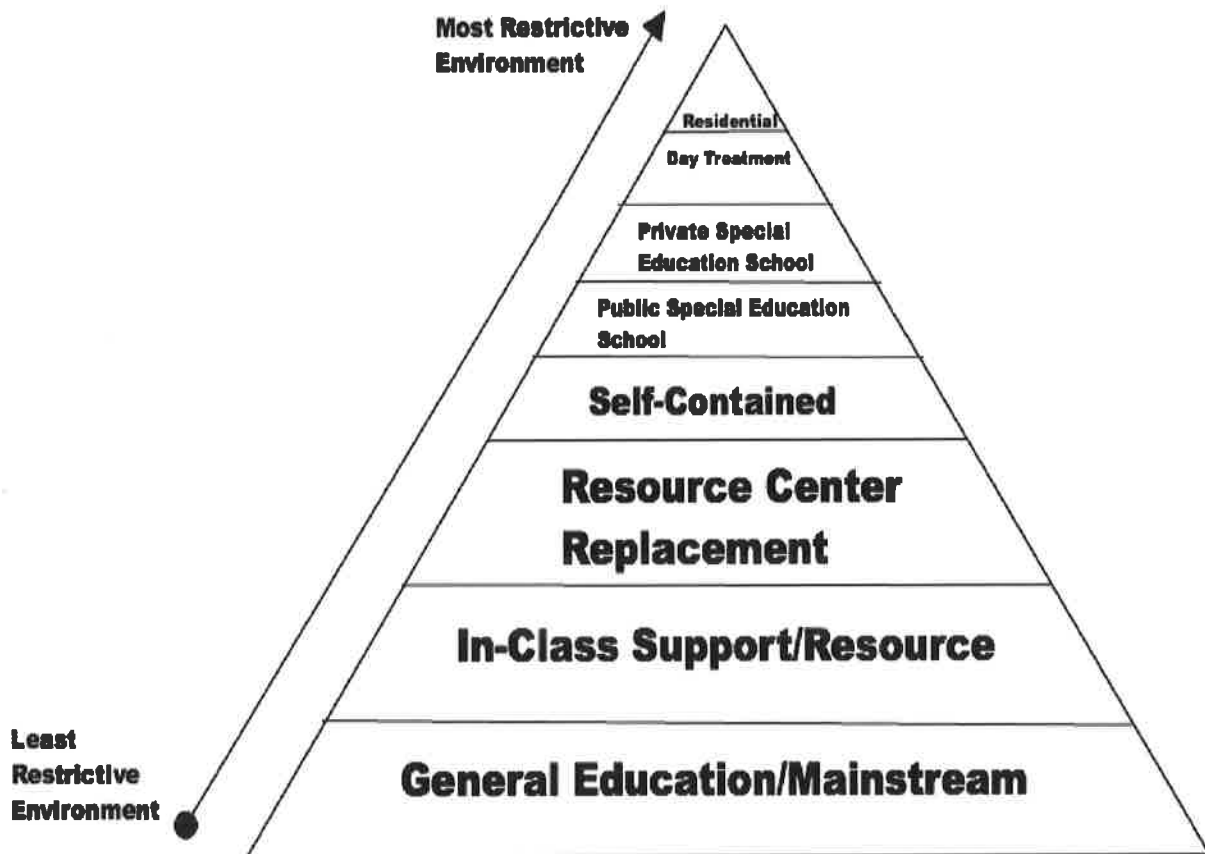
**Speech and Language Therapy Improvement Services:** Students identified by a speech/language teacher or pathologist, who experience communication difficulties (e.g., dysfluency, impaired articulation, language or voice disorders) that do not have an educational disability, may receive speech improvement services. The service is focused toward each child's deficit areas in an attempt to correct the speech or language problem before it hinders learning. Children are usually seen one to two times per week for approximately 20 - 30 minutes in small groups. The Speech/Language Teacher/Therapist is in consultation with the classroom teacher, Child Study Team/Response to Intervention (RTI) and the parent to determine dismissal from the program.

**Occupational Therapy (OT) Improvement Services:** Students identified by the district's Occupational Therapist, who experience fine motor difficulties that do not have an educational disability, may receive OT improvement services. The service is focused toward each child's deficit

area in an attempt to correct the problem before it hinders learning. Children are usually seen one or two times per week for approximately 20 - 30 minutes in small groups either in the classroom or in the therapy room. The OT consults with the classroom teacher, Child Study Team/RTI and the parent to determine dismissal from the program.

**Educationally Related Support Services:** Temporary psychological services and non-career counseling services are offered to students with the intention of helping them remain in general education in addition to the other services listed above.

**Declassification Support Services:** This service may be provided to students and/or students' teachers when a student is moving from special education programs and services to full-time general education as recommended by the CSE. Students' test accommodations, as determined by the CSE when declassified, will continue through the remainder of the students' educational career.



## **SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Special education programming is specifically designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students identified by the CSE as having a disability that interferes with age appropriate academic progress. Any aspect of the general special education continuum is available to each eligible student as determined by the CSE. Movement from one program to another is possible through ongoing evaluation of student abilities and needs. Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) is central to district delivery of special education programs and services for students. The type of program and services provided to each individual student is listed on the student's IEP. Preschool children identified by the CPSE are provided appropriate itinerant services in general preschool settings or are served in special preschool settings.

**Adaptive Physical Educational:** Provides a specially designed program of developmental activities, games, sports and rhythms suited to the interests, capacities and limitations of students with disabilities who may not safely or successfully engage in unrestricted participation in the activities of the regular physical education program.

**Transitional Support Services:** These services are provided when a student moves to a less restrictive setting as indicated on the IEP. Transitional services are identified in a student's IEP as temporary services that are provided to special education students to provide support services to a student with a disability moving to another special education program or service in a less restrictive environment. The district provides this service as needed.

**Related Services:** These services assist students to achieve in their educational programs, and are recommended by the CSE. Students may receive individual services or small group services that are provided in the classroom or therapy room settings. Students are grouped by similarity of need within a maximum group of five students per provider. A variety of related services are available to students that include, but are not limited to:

- Assistive technology
- Audiology
- Behavioral specialist
- Occupational therapy
- Orientation and Mobility
- Physical therapy
- Psychological, social worker and school counseling
- Speech and language
- Teacher of the visually impaired

**Integrated Co-Teaching Services:** These services provide academic and specially designed instruction in the general education setting to an integrated group of students. The general and special education teachers share the responsibility for planning, delivering and evaluating instruction for all students.

**Consultant Teacher Service:** This service is provided to students with disabilities who are enrolled in a general education classroom. The service is provided either as direct or indirect for a maximum

of 20 students per teacher. Direct consultant teacher service is when a special education teacher pushes into a general education classroom and provides individual or group instruction to students with disabilities. Indirect consultant teacher service is when a special education teacher provides consultation to general education teachers to assist them in adjusting the learning environment and/or modifying their instructional methods to meet the needs of students with disabilities who attend their classes. Nondisabled students can benefit from the services of a consultant teacher at the request of the classroom teacher, and upon approval by administration.

**Resource Room Programs:** Resource Room provides supplemental instruction to general and special education classes. No credit for coursework may be awarded as a result of resource room instruction. The program must be recommended for at least three hours per week (unless in it is combined with consultant teacher services) but cannot exceed 50% of the instructional day. The student ratio for Resource Room is 5:1. A maximum of twenty students with educational disabilities may be assigned to each resource room teacher in grades 6-7, and twenty-five students in grades 8-12. The resource room program offers support services for the student who is unable to acquire certain skills in the general classroom setting. Students increase knowledge in their deficit areas, develop new learning strategies, and strengthen their study and test taking skills. This service provides the opportunity to bring greater success in the general classroom.

**Special Class:** This refers to specialized instruction in primary instructional areas. Students are recommended for special class instruction when the CSE determines that they can no longer succeed academically in a general classroom, even with supplemental aides or support services. The district maintains special class programs at the elementary, junior high and high school levels within the district.

#### Elementary:

- 5:1 Up to five students and one teacher per instructional group
  - The 5:1 special classes at the elementary level typically involve 30 minutes of specialized small group instruction in the subject areas of math and/or ELA outside of the general classroom.
- 8:1+1 Primary elementary (grades K, 1, 2)
  - The 8:1+1 special class at the primary elementary level involves 60 minutes of specialized instruction in the subject areas of math and/or ELA outside of the general classroom.
- 8:1+1 Elementary (grades 3, 4, 5)
  - The 8:1+1 special class at the elementary level involves 60 minutes of specialized instruction in the subject areas of math and/or ELA outside of the general classroom.

#### Jr. High School:

- 15:1 Co-Taught Special Classes- Up to fifteen students, one special education and one general education subject area teacher per instructional group (grades 6, 7, 8)
  - The 15:1 special classes at the Jr. HS level are co-taught (general education Math, Science, Social Studies, English and special education teacher).

- These classes involve 40 minutes of specialized instruction in a core subject area.

#### Sr. High School:

- 15:1 Co-Taught Special Classes - Up to fifteen students, one special education and one general education subject area teacher per instructional group (grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
  - The special classes at the Sr. HS level are co-taught (general education Math, Science, Social Studies, English and special education teacher).
  - These classes involve 40 minutes of specialized instruction in a core subject area.
  - Students in HS Co-Taught special classes earn credit towards high school graduation and prepare to pass Regents exams so that students ~~they can~~ earn a Regents or Local Diploma. Students with significant learning needs, who are not able to complete the typical graduation requirements, may earn a Career Development and Occupational Studies Credential (CDOS).

**Home and Hospital Instruction:** Students with disabilities who are recommended for home and/or hospital instruction by the CSE will be provided instruction and appropriate related services as determined by the CSE in consideration of the student's unique needs. Home and hospital instruction shall only be recommended if the placement is in the least restrictive environment and must be provided:

- A minimum of five hours per week at the elementary level, preferably one hour daily;
- A minimum of 10 hours per week at the secondary level, preferably two hours daily.

**BOCES Special Class:** These programs are used to augment the continuum of services offered in the district. The CSE considers BOCES and other out of district programs when a student's intensive needs require a unique type of program not available in the district. The CSE would also consider a neighboring district.

Students are grouped according to need within the following configurations:

- 8:1+1 Eight students and one teacher plus one teacher assistant.  
BOCES Providers      BOCES Non-Categorical Programs
- 12:1+1 Twelve students and one teacher plus one staff person  
(Teacher assistant, teacher aide, or related services provider)  
BOCES Providers      BOCES Non-Categorical Programs
- 12:1+4 Twelve students and one teacher plus one staff person for every four students.  
(Teacher assistant, teacher aide, or related services provider)  
BOCES Providers      BOCES Non-Categorical Programs

**Special Education Day Schools Approved by the Commissioner:** These schools are occasionally used to meet the needs of very unique students with disabilities. The CSE maintains a list and description of programs approved by the Commissioner in the event that a student's needs cannot be met in a less restrictive setting. Special education day schools may be public or private schools.

**Residential Schools Approved by the Commissioner:** These schools have programs that provide 24-hour education and care, 365 days per year. This is a highly restrictive type of placement that is rarely utilized.

**Preschool Programs for students with disabilities:** These programs are available for students identified by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). These programs often have typical preschool students combined with preschool students with special needs in integrated, less restrictive settings. The CPSE often recommends meeting the needs of students in Head Start, McGraw's Universal Pre-K (UPK) program, or by placing students in programs at the Racker Center.

Programs include:

- Related Services including Speech, Occupational and/or Physical Therapy, Counseling
- Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT)
- Special Class in an Integrated Setting
- Special Class in a Non-Integrated Setting

### **GRADUATION RATE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Graduation data for students with disabilities over the past several years indicates an improved trend (see Appendix A). This is attributed to:

1. Improved perception that students with disabilities are capable of completing the requirements for Regents or Local Diplomas.
2. CSE recommendations that place students in the LRE where they receive their programs and services leading to Regents or Local Diplomas.
3. General education classes that are implementing differentiated and specially designed instructional strategies for students with disabilities.
4. A dedicated staff that have high and appropriate expectations for students with disabilities.
5. Communication and collaboration with students, their parents/guardians and McGraw staff that prioritizes the student's needs.

This current McGraw Special Education plan continues the work that was initiated in previous plans -- to provide supports and services to students in the LRE so they may achieve their Local or Regents Diplomas, while continually reinforcing the principles noted above.

### **Course Requirements for Graduation**

Students with disabilities must participate in credit bearing general education courses that are required, in order to earn a High School Diploma. General education courses become increasingly difficult as students progress through the grade levels. In the past, this led to students being removed from the mainstream and placed in special class programs that did not grant credit or prepare students for Regents exams. Virtually all High School special education students are now either in mainstream classes, or are in co-taught credit bearing special classes at the high school level. The Committee on Special Education will recommend as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis, programs that are in the Least Restrictive Environment so that students have access to the general education curriculum.

The primary focus of special education is the support link it provides to general education. Every opportunity for integration of special education and general education is pursued for all identified students. Procedures have been developed and established by instructional and administrative teams and the CSE to ensure maximum participation of students in the general education program. Developmentally appropriate curriculum and methodologies, implemented by teams of special education and general education teachers using a combination of Consultant Teacher direct and the special class model appears to be the best route to enable more students to be successful K-5. The special classes at the elementary level involve specialized smaller group instruction that addresses skill deficits in the areas of ELA/reading and math. Students may also receive Direct Teacher Consultation services at the elementary level depending on their level of need for special education support services.

Special classes involving a co-taught curriculum (with a special education teacher and a general education teachers) at the 6-12 level has proven to be an appropriate approach for some of our students. Resource Room (RR) support is also provided to students, when appropriate, in grades 6–12. A combination of RR, special classes, and/or consult teacher direct/indirect may also make up students' special education programs.

Providing appropriate career training for students with educational disabilities, in credit bearing classes, is a critical component of this plan. Some students will participate in BOCES Career and Tech Ed courses in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The district recognizes the importance of these programs in assisting students toward becoming contributing members of society.

### **Assessment Requirements for Graduation**

Closely tied to the concept of students participating in the mainstream is the goal of ensuring that the students have a realistic opportunity of passing the state assessments required for graduation. The general education and special education teachers at all grade levels must prepare students with disabilities to pass Regents exams. The 3–8 grade assessments are geared towards evaluating whether or not a student is making sufficient progress towards a Regents diploma.

### **Instructional Strategies and Curricular Materials to Increase Graduation Rate**

The instructional strategies and curricular materials used in co-taught special classes must be at each student's instructional level, including writing assignments. All math instruction must be at the

student's instructional level. The content that is presented should stretch the student intellectually to their individual limits.

Each student's IEP must have a comprehensive "road map" of program modifications and test accommodations that will be systematically used throughout the instructional day. Students should be able to complete most assignments and learning tasks independently rather than struggling at their frustration level with material that they do not understand.

The district will provide instructional materials in an alternative format for each student with a disability at the same time as such instructional materials are available to non-disabled students. This could include the use of audio books, electronic books, enlarged texts/workbooks, and/or computer software programs that read to the student and alternative textbooks that are written at the student's reading level. Computer software programs are also used regularly to develop assessments that prepare students for Regents Exams. These programs provide students with practice questions from past Regents Exams that better prepare them to be successful on assessments. Students have access to the programs at school, throughout the day, and can log on from home.

#### **Staff Development Activities to Increase Graduation Rate**

Staff development will enhance the readiness of the faculty to fully implement the specifics of this plan. Staff will work together to develop lesson plans that will meet the needs of students with disabilities in co-taught classrooms. Staff will attend workshops and conferences. Staff will focus on improving the instructional programs for students in the co-taught classes during staff days offered throughout the year. Staff will be encouraged to visit their peers' classrooms as well as visit other school districts where students with disabilities are meeting success. Staff will participate in training sessions to strengthen their instructional skills (including Specially Designed Instruction, Standard-Based IEP's, Co-Teaching, and Transition Planning).

#### **Parental Support to Increase Graduation Rate**

Parents are vital in the success of their child in school. The most important life skill that McGraw school children can receive is a well-rounded education. The Director of Special Education is always available to provide information to parents who are interested in learning how the district will meet their child's needs. The CSE will also discuss the goals of students' IEPs with parents as their child's program is annually reviewed. Additionally, in *Special Services* on the District's website, there are helpful links that lead parents to valuable information about the special education process and other parent resources.

#### **SPACE ALLOCATION**

The Board of Education has adopted policies and practices to ensure the allocation of appropriate space within the district for special education programs that meet the needs of students and preschool children with disabilities. Space is presently provided for district run programs and two out of district OCM BOCES run programs. The district currently operates special education programs integrated into the mainstream building. Space is available for related services and resource room support.

**Elementary School:** There is one special education classroom in the elementary school designated for the delivery of small group (5:1) special class services and grades 3-5 8:1+1 special class services (ELA and math). There is an additional 8:1+1 room for the primary grades K-2 special class ELA and math services. There is also a speech therapy room (that houses a full-time SPL teacher and part-time SPL BOCES provider), a school psychologist's office, K-5 school counselor's office that is appropriately shared with the district's PK-12 social worker, an office for the Director of Special Education, space to provide occupational and physical therapies, and a space for outside counselors. Each of these rooms meets the minimum requirements for space. Space is also provided for the district's UPK program where itinerant services are provided and a Head Start Pre-K integrated program that serves students with special needs.

**Junior and Senior High School:** There are two special education classrooms at the Jr./Sr. HS designated for the delivery of resource room services. There are offices for the grade 6 and grades 7-12 school counselors and the PK-12 social worker; shared space for occupational and speech therapies; office for special education teachers; and a space for an outside counselor. Each of these rooms meets the minimum requirements for space.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET 2019-2020**

The sources of financial support for Special Education programs are derived from the local school budget state revenues returned to the district and federal grants for identified children. The State of New York provides direct state aid for students with educational disabilities based on the severity of each child's special education need and whether the class is in a public or private location. District wealth is an additional factor in determining state aid for students with educational disabilities. Federal support is provided to the district in the form of consolidated grants. It is anticipated that these funds will continue to be allocated. The 2019-2020 Special Education budget is attached (see Table 1).

**Table 1**  
**Special Education Budget**  
**2019-2020**

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Amount</u></b>
A2250.150-01-00	Instructional Salaries – Elementary	\$239,939
A2250.150-02-00	Instructional Salaries – High School	\$128,431
A2250.154-00-00	Director of Special Education	\$45,240
A2250.160-00-00	Non-Instructional Salaries	\$26,162
A2250.160-01-00	Non-Instructional Salaries – Elementary	\$162,467
A2250.160-02-00	Non-Instructional Salaries – High School	\$125,785
A2250.400-00-00	Contractual and Professional Services	\$5,000
A2250.400-01-00	Contractual and Professional Services - Elementary	\$72,033
A2250.450-01-00	Supplies and Materials – Elementary	\$2,375
A2250.450-02-00	Supplies and Materials – High School	\$1,375
A2250.471-00-00	Tuition Other Public Districts	\$18, 191
A2250.490-00-00	BOCES Services	\$901,525
<b>A2250</b>	<b>Programs-Students with Disabilities</b>	<b>Total = \$1,728,523</b>

**Table 2**

**Students with Educational Disabilities by Grade Level**

**As of BEDS Day - October 2, 2019**

<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>ED</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>OHI</b>	<b>SLI</b>	<b>TBI</b>	<b>VI</b>
McGraw Elementary	UN	1	1									
McGraw Elementary	K	7							1	5	1	
McGraw Elementary	01	7			1			1		5		
McGraw Elementary	02	4							1	3		
McGraw Elementary	03	3			1					2		
McGraw Elementary	04	7			1			4		2		
McGraw Elementary	05	8			1			1	4	2		
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	06	8			2			4		2		
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	07	6				1	1	3		1		
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	08	11			1			7	2	1		
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	09	8	1		1		1	3	2			
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	10	9			1	1	1	4	2			
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	11	12						8	2			2
McGraw Jr./Sr. High	12	6						3	3			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>ED</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>OHI</b>	<b>SLI</b>	<b>TBI</b>	<b>VI</b>

OCM SED McEvoy	02	1				1						
OCM SED McEvoy	11	2				2						
OCM SED DT McEvoy	09	1				1						
OCM SED DT McEvoy	10	2				2						
OCM STAR Tully HS	UN	1			1							
OCM STAR Homer	02	1	1									
OCM SKATE McGraw	K	1			1							
OCM SKATE McGraw	01	1			1							
OCM SKATE McGraw	02	1			1							
OCM Stelatta McEvoy	01	1								1		
OCM Stelatta McEvoy	04	1								1		
Seven Valley Tech HS	11	1						1				
Seven Valley Tech HS	12	1						1				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>		
<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>ED</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>OHI</b>	<b>SLI</b>	<b>TBI</b>	<b>VI</b>

Preschool Itinerant	PS	6		6								
Preschool Racker	PS	4		4								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10</b>		10								

#### **Abbreviations for Special Education Disabilities:**

MD = Multiple Disability

PD = Preschooler with a Disability

A = Autism

ED = Emotional Disability

ID = Intellectual Disability

LD = Learning Disability

OHI = Other Health Impairment

SLI = Speech and Language Impairment

TBI= Traumatic Brain Injury

VI= Visual Impairment

**Table 3**

**School Age Disability Count by School  
As of BEDS Day - October 2, 2019**

	<b>School Age Disability Count by School</b>									
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MES</b>	<b>MHS Jr/Sr</b>	<b>OCM BOCES McEvoy SED</b>	<b>OCM BOCES McEvoy DT</b>	<b>OCM BOCES Stelatta</b>	<b>OCM BOCES SKATE</b>	<b>OCM BOCES STAR</b>	<b>Seven Valley Tech HS</b>	<b>N/A (Homeschooled)</b>
Autism	13	4	5				3	1		(1)
Emotional Disability	8	0	2	1	5					
Intellectual Disability	3	0	3							
Learning Disability	39	6	32						2	
Other Health Impairment	17	6	11							(1)
Speech or Language Impairment	25	22	1			2				
Visual Impairment	2	0	2							
Multiply Disabled	3	1	1					1		
Traumatic Brain Injury	1	1	0							
<b>TOTAL SWD's</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(2)</b>

**Table 4**

**Preschooler with a Disability Count by School  
As of BEDS Day - October 2, 2019**

	<b>Preschooler with a Disability Count by School</b>					
<b>Preschool Student with a Disability</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Preschool Racker Center</b>	<b>MES Pre-K</b>	<b>Head Start</b>	<b>Truxton Charter School</b>	<b>Home</b>
Preschool Student with a Disability – Itinerant/Related Services Only	6		2	2	1	1
Preschool Student with a Disability	4	4				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 5**  
**2015-2019 Graduation Credential Trends**

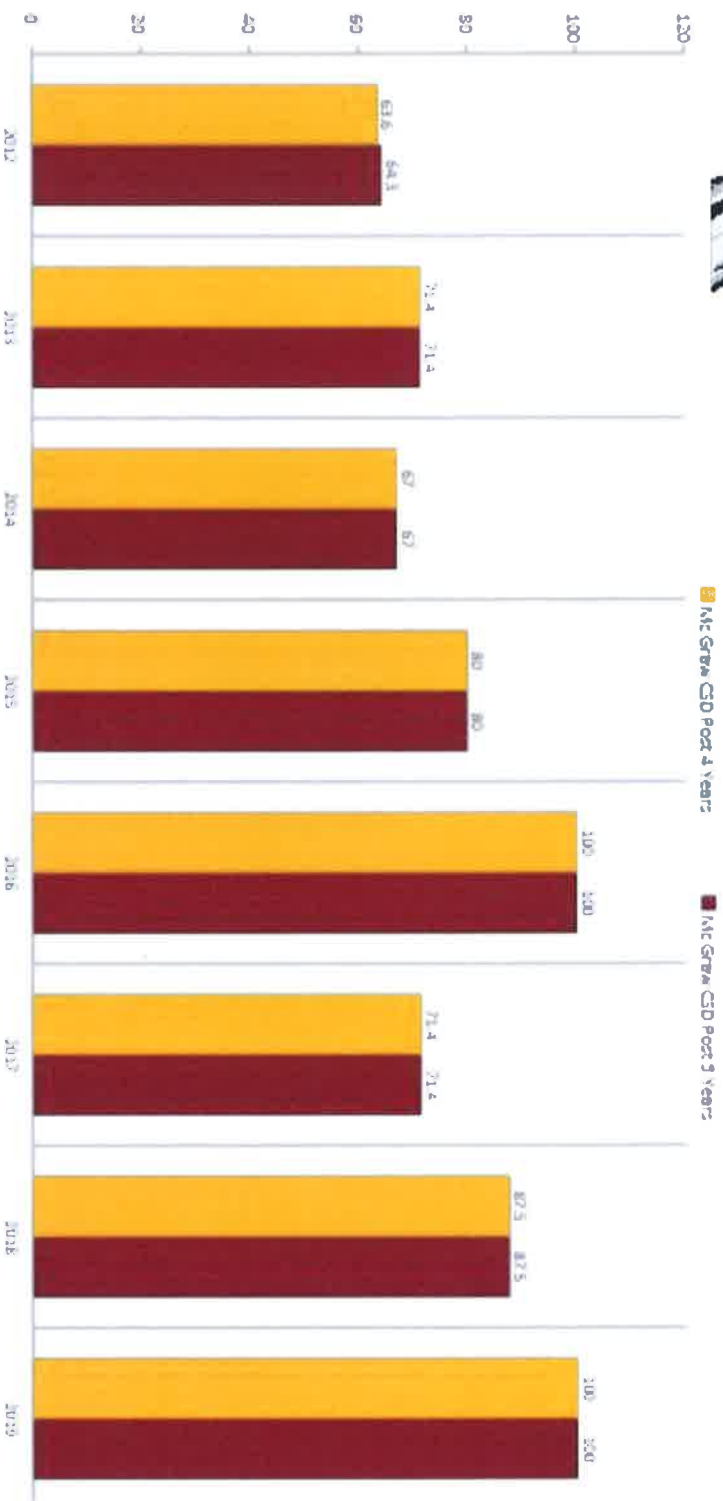
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<b>2015-2019 Graduations</b>			
610298061	2012	Local Diploma	June 2015
610242416	2012	Local Diploma	June 2015
610305639	2012	Local Diploma	June 2015
610295817	2012	Local Diploma	June 2015
610334122	2012	Local Diploma w/ CTE	June 2015
610296523	2013	Local Diploma w/ CTE	June 2016
610413067	2013	Local Diploma w/ CTE	June 2016
610334047	2013	Local Diploma	June 2016
610334048	2013	Regents Diploma w/CTE	June 2016
610301451	2013	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2016
610279952	2013	Regents Diploma w/CTE	June 2016
610334331	2014	CDOS – No Diploma Earned	June 2017
610334338	2014	Local Diploma	June 2017
610334343	2014	Local Diploma	June 2017
687000166	2014	Regents Diploma	June 2017
610334069	2014	Local Diploma	June 2017
610334360	2014	Regents Diploma w/CTE	June 2017
610284571	2014	Drop Out	June 2017

610322151	2015	Regents Diploma	June 2018
610334334	2015	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2018
610283699	2015	Regents Diploma	June 2018
610334344	2015	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2018
610317757	2015	Regents Diploma w/CTE	June 2018
610338751	2015	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2018
687000327	2015	Drop Out	June 2018
610338752	2016	Regents Diploma	June 2019
610333902	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
610294391	2016	Regents Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
610360087	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
610338747	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
687000355	2016	Local Diploma	June 2019
687000335	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
687000167	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019
687000193	2016	Regents Diploma	June 2019
687000033	2016	Local Diploma	June 2019
610347280	2016	Local Diploma w/CTE	June 2019

## APPENDIX A Graduation Rate of Students with Disabilities after 4 and 5 Years



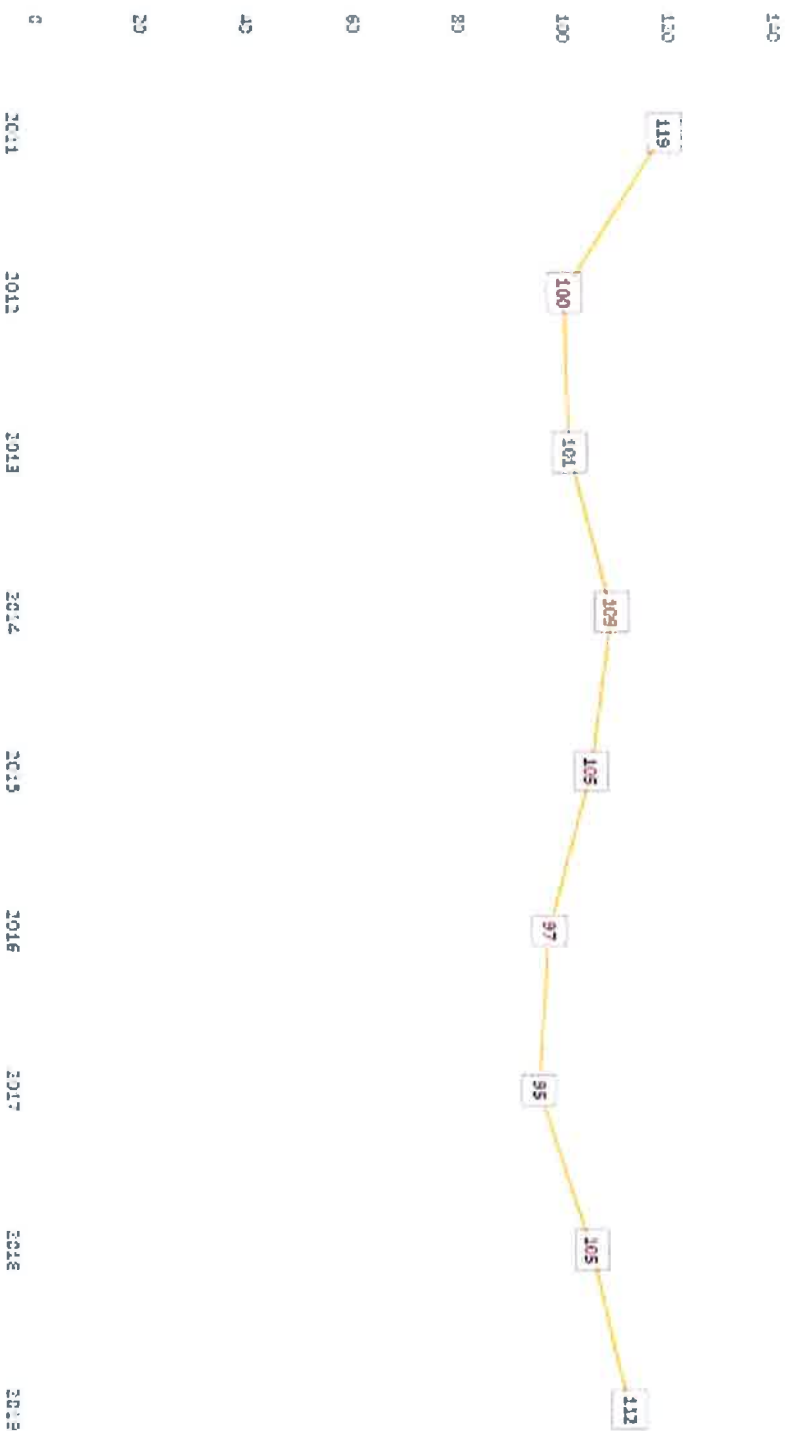
### Graduation Rate of Students with Disabilities (Post 4 & POST 5 Years)



## APPENDIX B



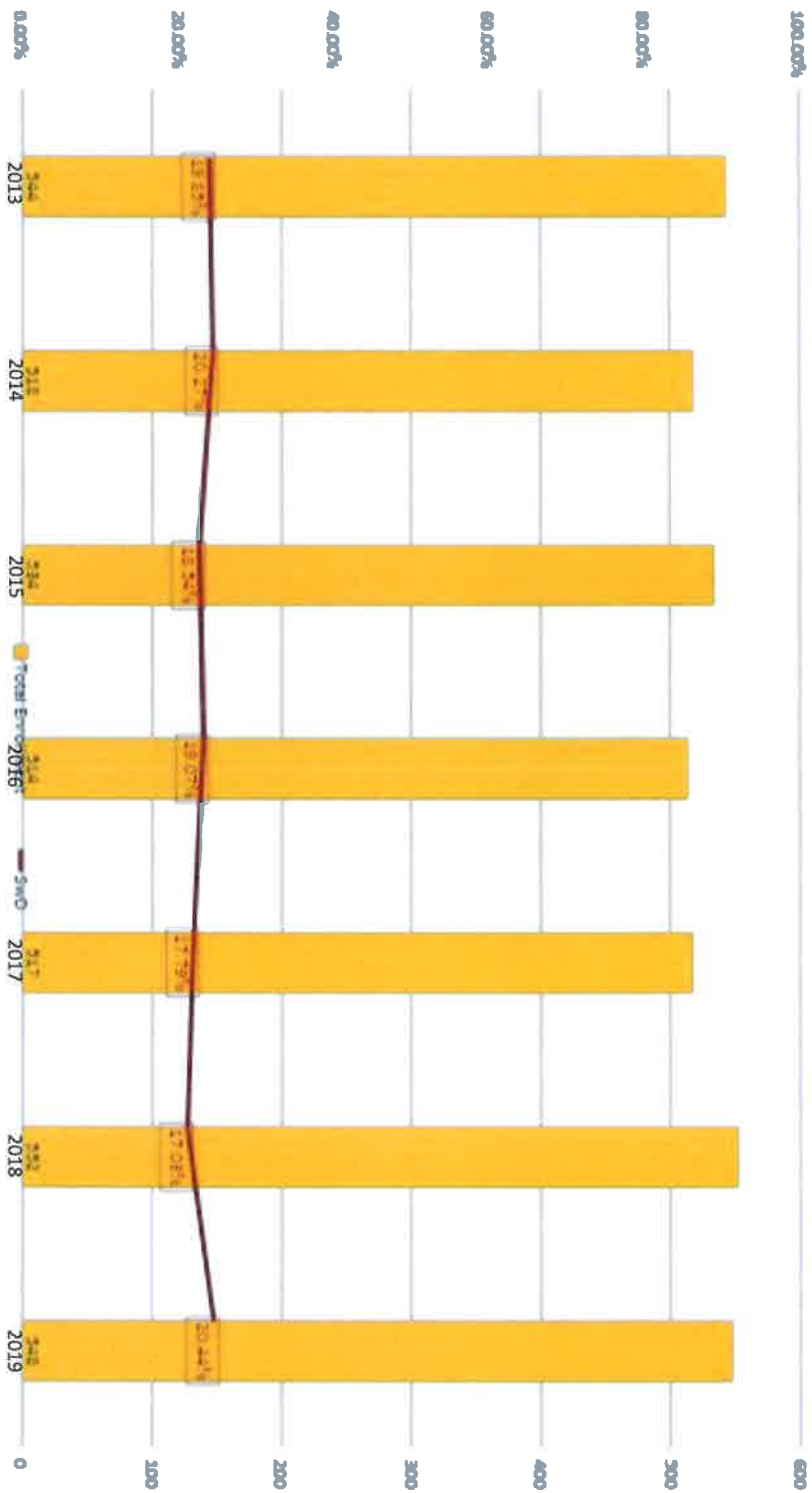
### School Age Students with Disabilities





# APPENDIX C District Level Special Education Identification Rate

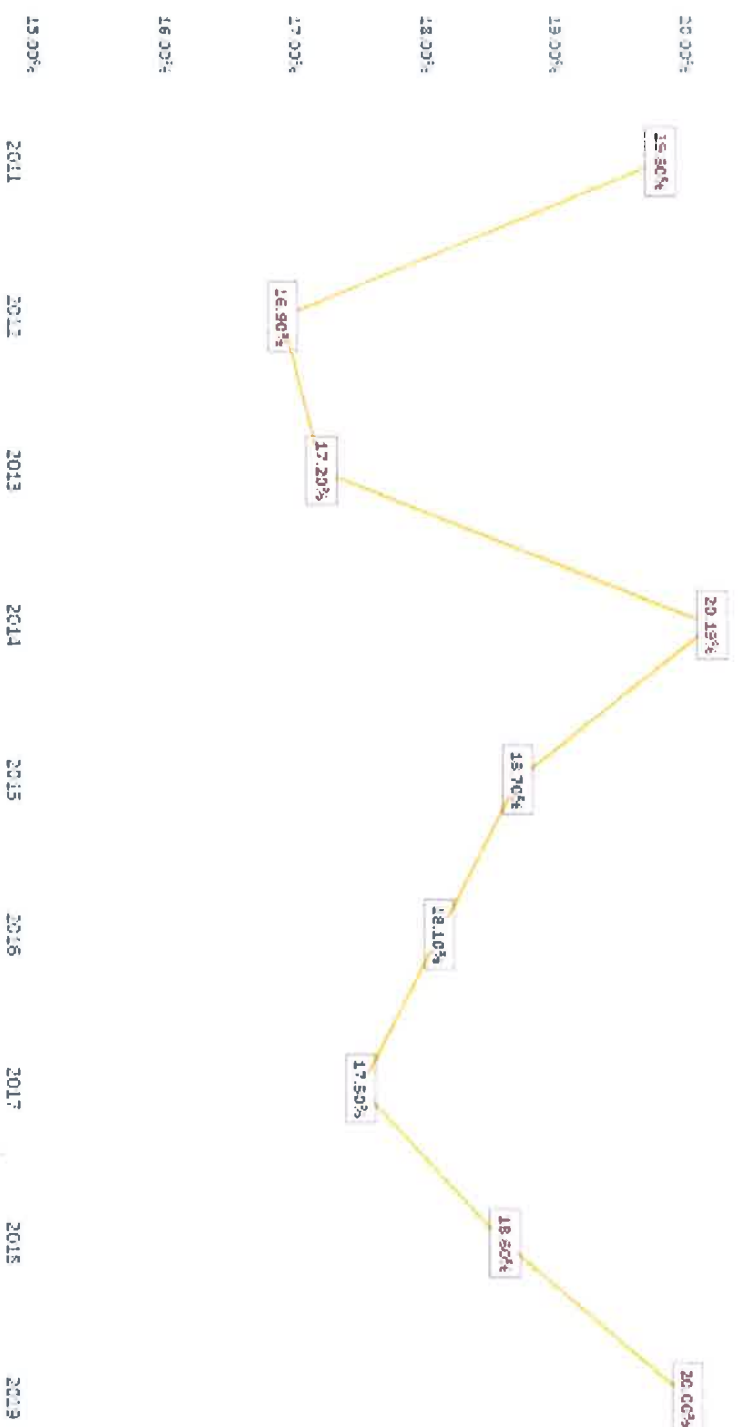
## Enrollment Breakdown (District Level)



## APPENDIX D Students with Disabilities and Special Education Classification Rate



### Special Education Classification Rate



## Appendix E

### Total Enrollment for Students (with and without disabilities)

