

Special Education Update

East Central Indiana Special Services..... September 3, 2021

Have a relaxing and fun holiday weekend!

The start of this school year has been pretty tough for almost everyone. Most of the teachers and administrators that we talk with are struggling to get through the tasks that they need to complete each day, skipping their lunch, and feeling pretty frazzled. Take some time this weekend to relax, regroup, and enjoy yourself. You've earned it. Thank you for all of your hard work in getting this school year up and running; it is very much appreciated.

Liza, Mort, and Lisa

Reminder - Complete the Moodle Course for IIEP Accommodations by September 15

Don't forget to complete the Moodle Course regarding IIEP accommodations that we discussed at your special education back to school meeting. This course is required for all current Indiana IEP users, including those who completed the course last year, as content has changed

This course needs to be completed, quiz taken, and certificate downloaded, saved, and emailed to ECISS- Liza Bates- by September 15th.

- [Moodle Access IIEP Accommodations Course Directions/Info](#)

Thank you to those who have already done so!

Reminder - Preschool ISPROUT Training

For those staff who serve preschool students, please complete the ISPROUT training and send Mort a copy of the certificate. Thanks!

Reminder - Class Lists

We still have a few staff members who have not submitted updated class lists to Mindy at mindy.gabel@eciss.org. Please get this information sent in right away. Thank you!

Take 3 minutes to watch this video!

Inspirational Video- Be a Mr. Jensen- MUST WATCH!!



Special Education Program Evaluation Info

Staff from the Center on Education and Lifelong Learning from IU will be visiting schools and talking with staff this year to complete an evaluation of each participating corporation's special education services as well as of the cooperative. Focus group meetings will be held in each corporation for principals, special education teachers, elementary teachers, and secondary teachers. Observations will be completed in both general education and special education classrooms. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to get feedback on what we're doing well in addition to suggestions on areas in need of improvement. Be on the lookout for more information about when these focus group meetings and observations will be held in your district.

East Central Indiana Special Services - Info Corner

One thing that has come to light in planning for the special education program evaluation is that many corporation level special education staff and administrators do not fully understand the operations of the cooperative. In an effort to address this, a section is being added to the newsletter with information about the cooperative so that all are informed and aware prior to the program evaluation. Let's start with some basic info about the cooperative:

- The cooperative was created by and follows the terms outlined in a joint services agreement signed by the school board presidents of each of the participating corporations.
- The last revision to this joint agreement was in 2013. At that time, all teachers employed by the cooperative were made local hires. From 2013 to the present, all special education teachers are

- The cooperative is managed by a governing board, comprised of the four superintendents of the participating corporations, that meets monthly.

TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE SAID AT A CASE CONFERENCE MEETING!

There are certain things that should not be said at a case conference meeting because they set the school corporation up for potential litigation. Please avoid saying the phrases below and educate your general education teachers to not say these, either!

10. I don't agree with it, so I'm not going to do it....
9. We don't have self-contained services here.....
8. He didn't ask to have his test read (or to receive a copy of teacher's notes, etc.)...
7. We don't have staff to do that....
6. My caseload is so high, I can only see her.....
5. I see all of my 2nd graders twice per week at 10:00 for 20 minutes....
4. I think he needs to be put on medication.....
3. I don't have time to do that....
2. We don't provide that (special education service) at this school...
1. We can't pay for that.....

Please feel free to share information or ask for information to be included in future newsletters.