



Peekskill City School District

Special Services Department Special Education Plan & Budget

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Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



**Rigorous
PreK-12 Aligned
and Culturally
Responsive
Academics**



**Robust
Literacy
and STEAM
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child
Commitment**



**Enrichment
Experiences
For All**



**Powerful
Parent, Family
and Community
Partnerships**

Special Services Department Data

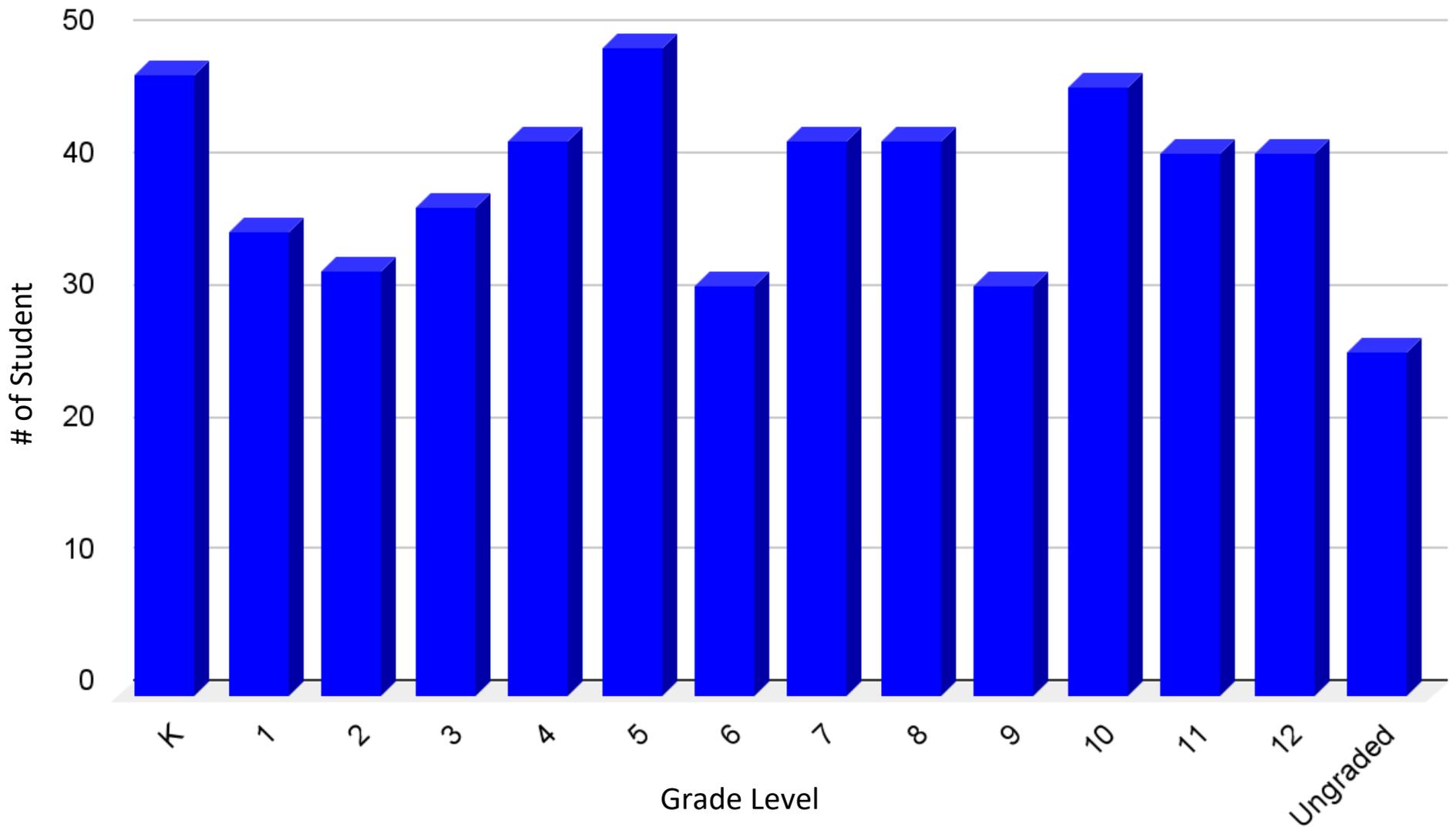
Students with Disabilities (CSE)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Current
Total in district students	505	514	525	541
Total out of district students (BOCES, Special Day, including Residential)	80	80	84	93
Enrollment (total number of students with IEPs)	587	594	611	634

Classification Rate	2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023	Current
Total District K - 12 Enrollment	3488	3689	3748	3819
Classification Rate	16.26%	15.91%	15.84%	16.60%

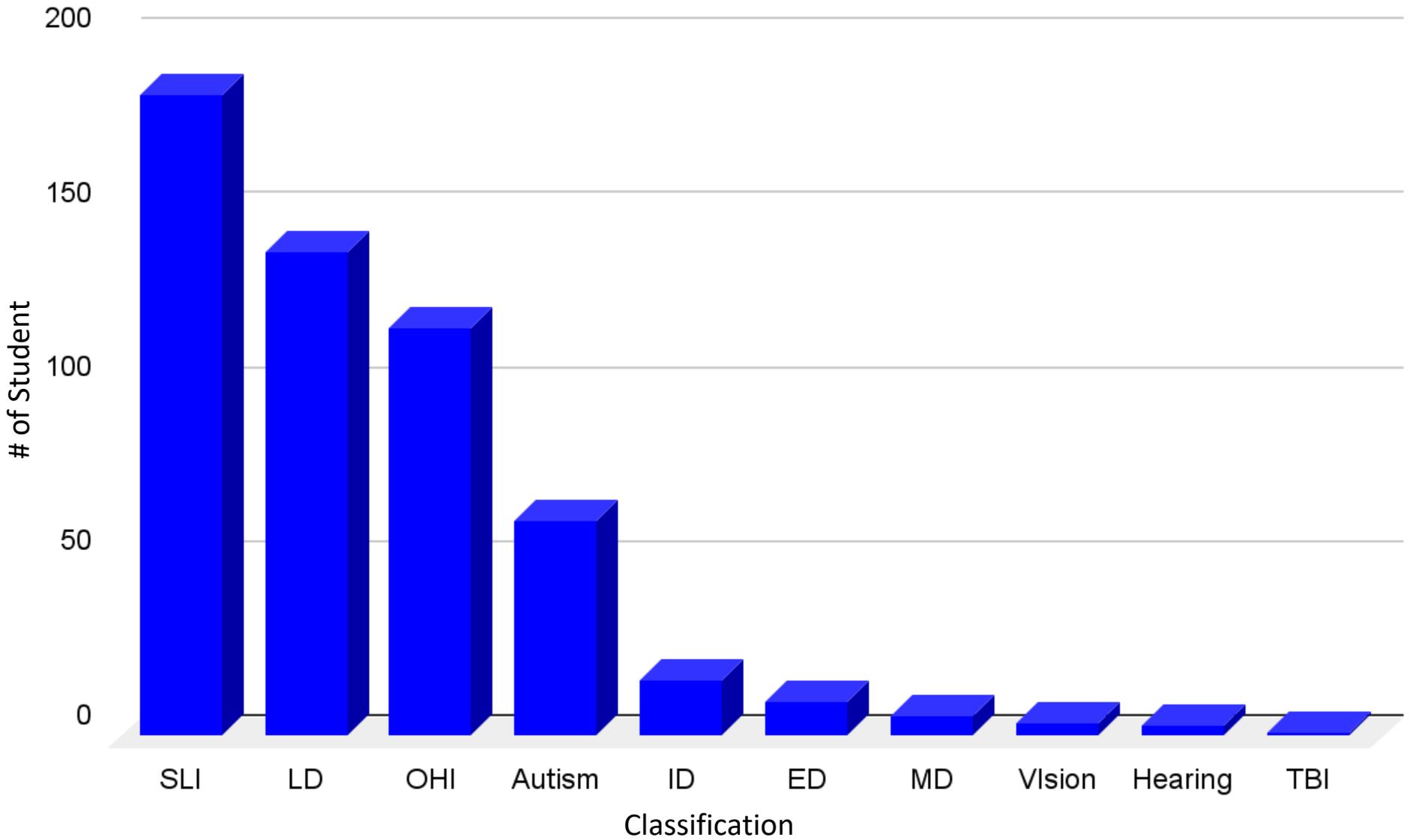
Other Special Services	Current
Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) - County Services	120
504 (Medical) Plans	104

Total # of Student	2023-24	Current
CSE, CPSE, 504 Total	781	858

Special Education Students In District by Grade Level



Special Education Students In District by Classification



PCSD SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTINUUM

WOODSIDE

OAKSIDE

HILLCREST

PKMS

PHS

ICT K-1

ICT 2-3

ICT 4-5

ICT 6-8 ELA / Math
15:1 Skills

ICT 9-11 ELA / Math
15:1 Skills

2017-2018
Aligned and Added Self Contained Classes

2018-19 Added
ICT / TA Sci/SS

2018-19 Added
ICT / TA Sci/SS

2017-18
15:1:1
Grade K

2023-24
15:1:1
Grade 2/3
New location

15:1:1
Grade 4/5

2017-18 Added
15:1 ELA / Math

2017-18 Added
15:1 ELA / Math

15:1:1
Grade 1

2023-24
6:1:2
Grade 2-4

15:1:1
Grade 3/4

2018-19 Added
15:1 Sci/SS

2018-19 Added
15:1 Sci/SS

2024-2025
12:1:2
Grade K

15:1:1

12:1:2
PACE

12:1:3
Life Skills

2022-2023
8:1:1
Life Skills
Grades 3-5
New location

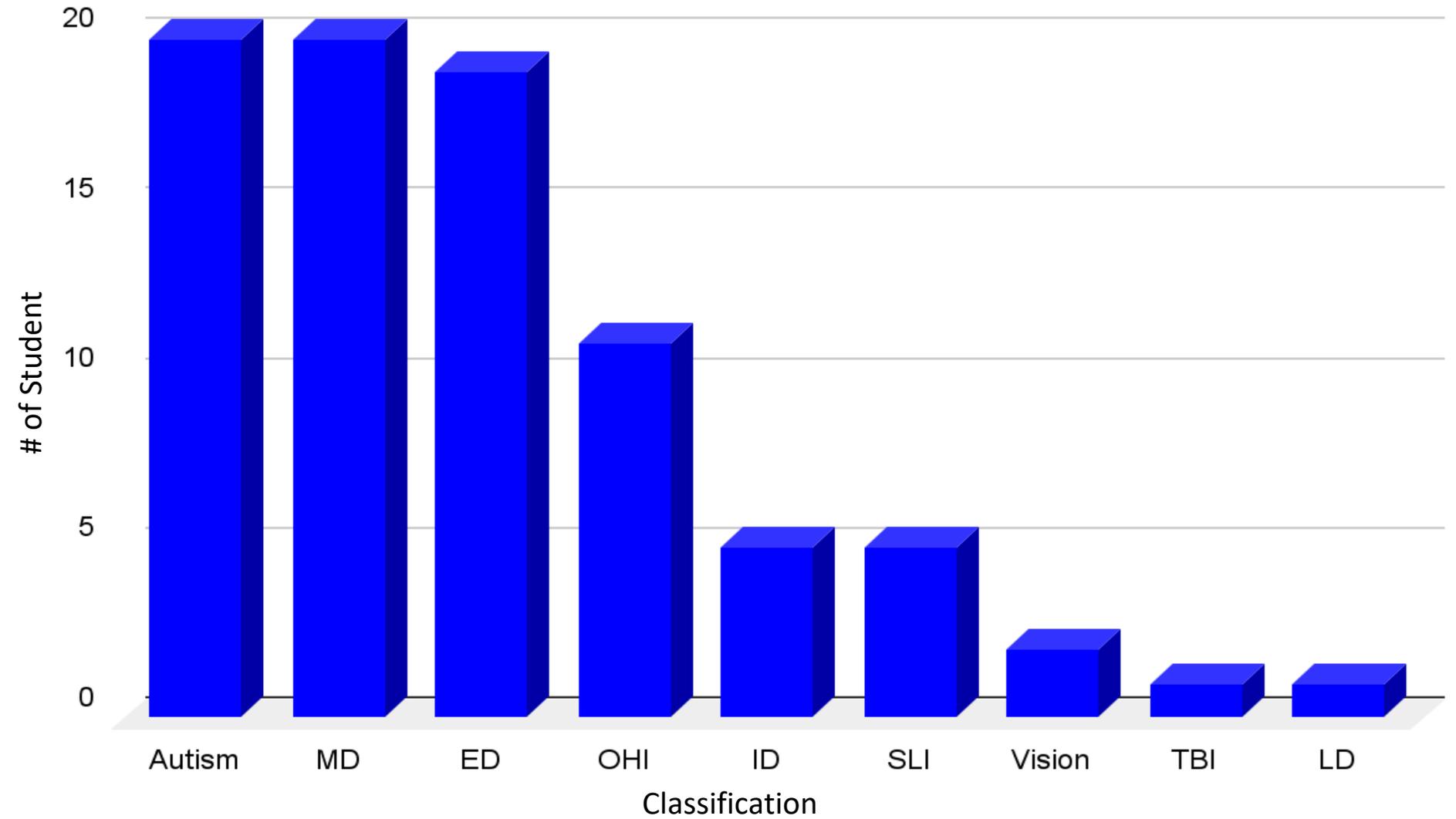
2019-20 Added
8:1:1 Life Skills

15:1:1
Life Skills

2023-24
8:1:2
Life Skills
Grade K

2023-24
15:1:1
Ages 17-21

Out of District Placement by Classification



Special Education Staff

Position	Total #
Special Education Teachers	44
Teacher Assistants (TAs)	24
Teacher Aides & 1:1 Aides	41
Psychologists	9
Social Workers	7
Speech Language Therapists	8
Occupational Therapists	4
Physical Therapists	1.6
Nurses	6
TOTAL Special Services Staff	144.2

Special Education Budget

	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget	Difference	% of Increase/ Decrease
Salaries - Certified	\$7,973,022	\$8,418,178	\$445,156	5.6%
Salaries - Classified	\$1,123,250	\$1,409,329	\$286,079	25.5%
Equipment & Repair	\$2,000	\$2,000	0	0%
Contract Services	\$269,200	\$457,600	\$188,400	70%
Tuition - High Cost	\$4,232,847	\$4,608,571	\$375,724	8.8%
Wrkshp/ Conf/ Trvl/ Mem	\$3,000	\$3,000	0	0%
BOCES Tuition / Services	\$4,990,343	\$5,320,195	\$329,852	6.6%
Supplies and Materials	\$55,250	\$53,150	-\$2,100	-3.8%
Residential	\$500,000	\$500,000	0	0%
Other expenses	\$476,682	\$466,181	-\$10,501	-2.2%
TOTAL	\$19,625,594	\$21,238,204	\$1,612,610	8.2%

Student Support Services

Budget Function	2024-2025 Budget	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Inc/Dec \$	Inc/Dec%
A2810 Guidance Services	\$1,655,808	\$1,650,469	-\$5,339	-0.32%
A2815 Nursing Services	\$1,436,508	\$1,359,993	-\$76,515	-5.3%
A2820 Psychological Services	\$860,687	\$1,043,533	\$182,846	21.2%
A2825 Social Work Services	\$437,875	\$668,123	\$230,248	52.6%
Total	\$4,390,888	\$4,722,118	\$331,230	7.54%

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

2024-2025 Grant Allocations

611 Funding

Salaries	\$608,349
Purchased Services	\$114,302
Supplies and Materials	\$28,402
BOCES Services	\$155,400

619 Funding

Salaries	\$23,657
Purchased Services	\$19,184
Supplies and Materials	\$5,408



2024-2025 Budget Key Points

- Need to support overall increase of students who receive special education services (increased district enrollment)
- Need for an increase in out of district placements
- Need to continue full time contracted nursing services for out of district students
- Maintain clinical staff (2.0 Full Time Positions)

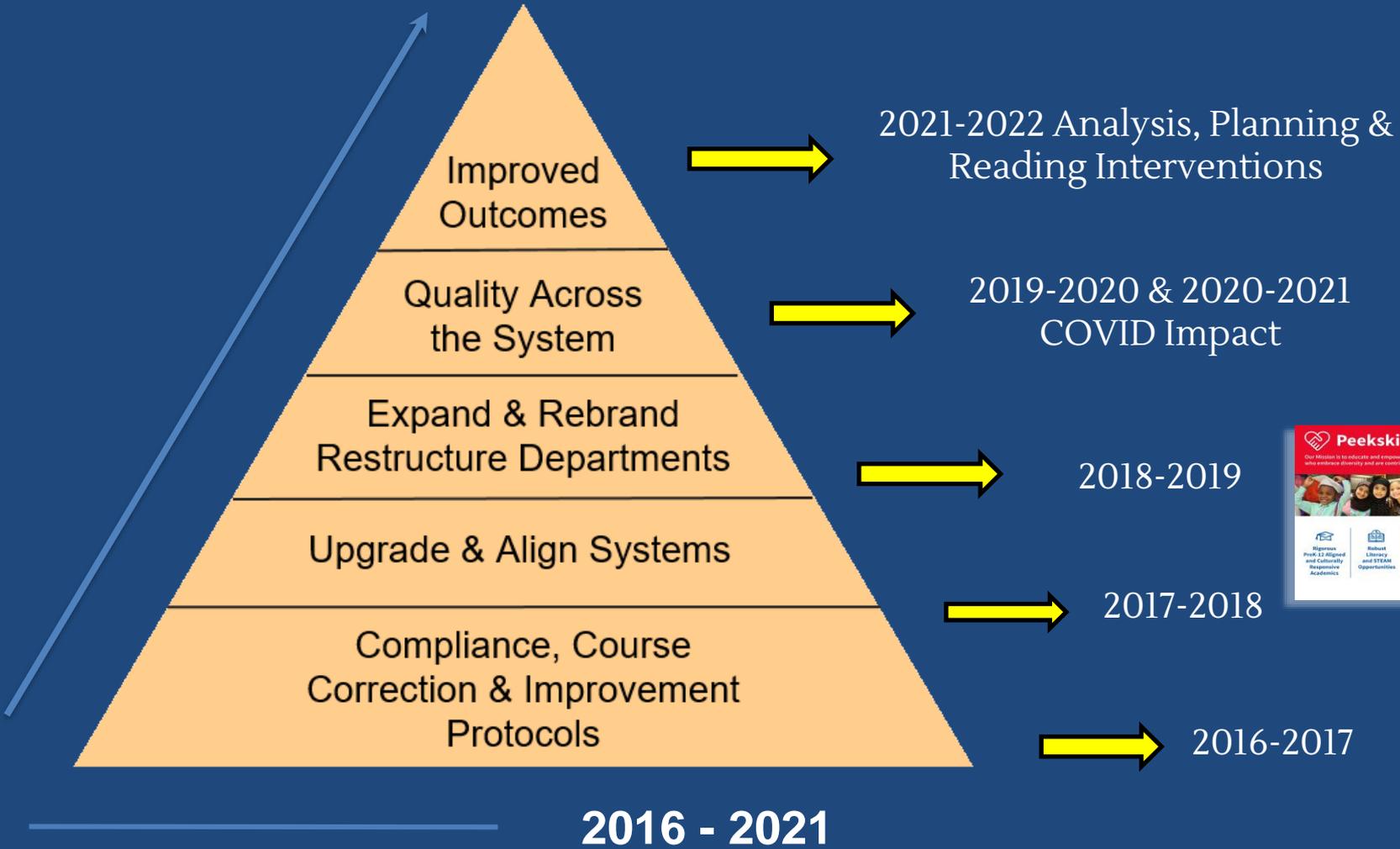
Special Education Plan

“Quality & Improved Outcomes”





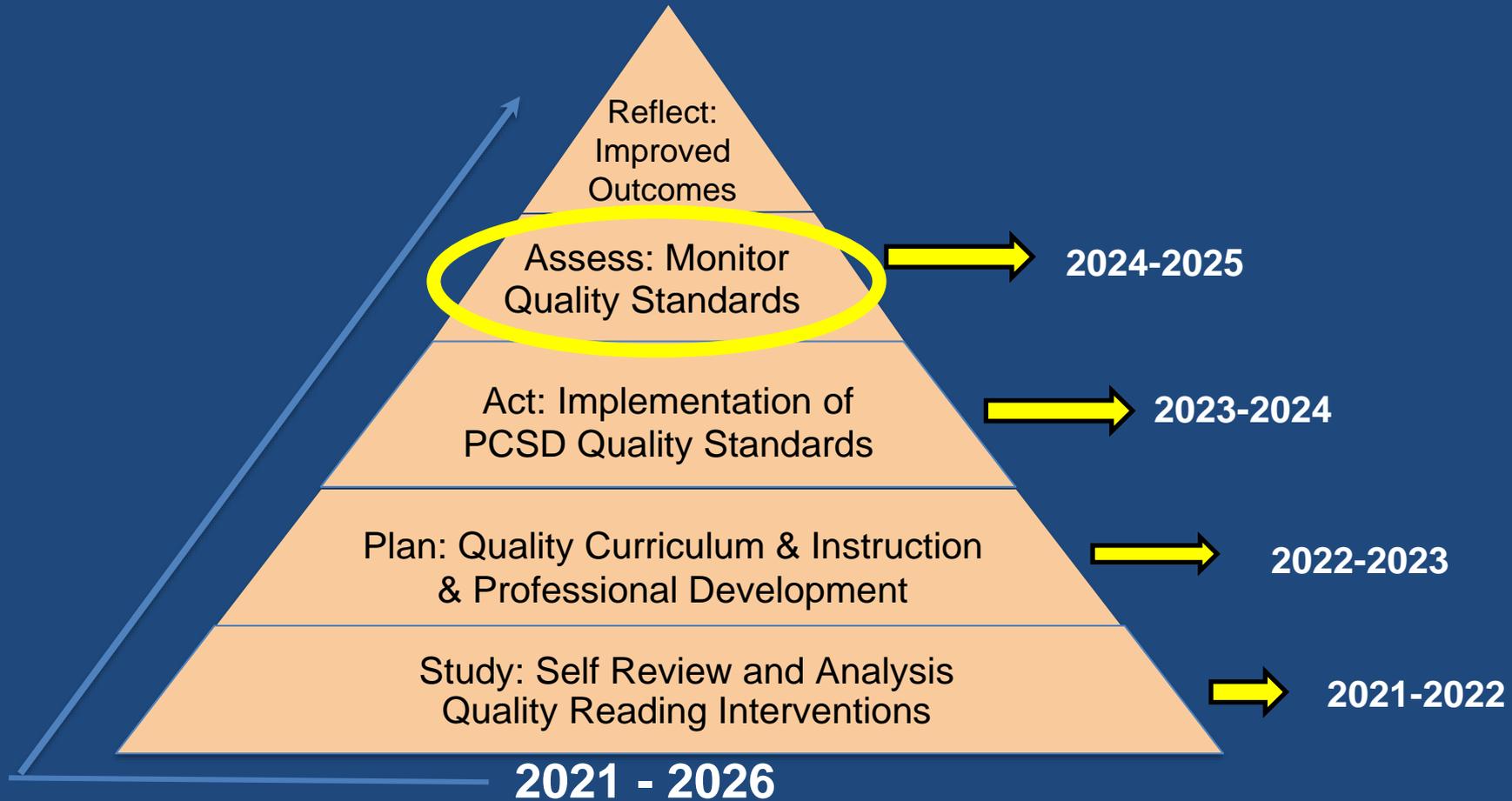
Special Education 5 Year Plan 2016-2021



*Source: Dr. Kriner Cash
Superintendent (Adapted)*



Special Education 5 Year Plan 2021- Beyond



Source: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent (Adapted)

Special Services Department

Director of Special Services

Student Support Services

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Structure

504 Committee
RTI Committee

Social Emotional Learning

Whole Child Health & Wellness (Birth to 21)

Commitment 2 Character

Zones of Regulation

TCIS

Office of Special Education

Ages 3 to 21

Committee on Special Education (CSE)
Committee on PreSchool Special Education (CPSE)

Budget, Grant Management, NY State Reporting, Part 200 Compliance, Initial Eligibility, Annual Review Process, Manifestation and Hearings, Staffing, Scheduling, Supervision, Program Development, Out of District Placement and Preschool Special Education Operations, Clinical and Crisis Team

IMPROVED OUTCOMES...

IEP Development to IEP Implementation & Instruction in the Classroom



Special Education Curriculum & Instruction

Director of Special Education for Instruction
Special Education Instructional Coach

Reading/Academic Services (Read Well, Wilson), Unique Curriculum & NYSAA, ICT coaching Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) support, Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) & Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), Professional Development, Quality Assurance

Parent Family Community Engagement

Mental Health Team

Resource Specialist

SEPTO

Onsite Community Partners

Saturday Academy

WOODSIDE

RISE, 15:1:1, ICT

OAKSIDE

ICT/RSO/
RISE

HILLCREST

15:1:1,
ICT/RSO

PKMS

RISE, 15:1,
ICT

PHS

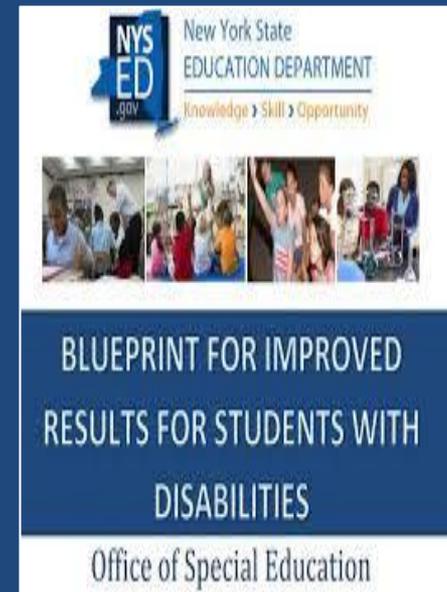
RISE, PACE,
15:1, ICT



Special Education Plan

"Quality & Improved Outcomes"

Special Services Steering Committee



*Plan developed in 2019 by
PCSD Special Education
Steering Committee in
accordance with the NYS
Guidance Document*

5 Areas of Focus

Curriculum and Instruction (Academic Outcomes)	Post Secondary Transition Planning	Enrichment & Social Opportunities	SEL & Disproportionality	Parent Education & Community Involvement
<p><u>WIN Pilot</u></p> <p><u>IEP Development</u></p> <p>Professional Development & Coaching</p> <p>Fast ForWord Program</p> <p>ESY & Summer Programs</p>	<p><u>WCC Partnership</u></p> <p>Family Center Sessions</p> <p>Annual Review Information</p> <p>Skills Class Post-Secondary Lessons and Readiness checklists</p>	<p><u>Sensory Swim</u></p> <p>Pioneers Program</p> <p>Sensory Room @ Saturday Academy</p> <p>SEL @ LEAP</p>	<p><u>Mental Health NYS Recovs Grant</u></p> <p><u>ReThink Ed Curriculum</u></p> <p>Zones of Regulation</p> <p>TCIS Training</p> <p>NYSED and BOCES Regional Partnership</p>	<p><u>New Family Workshops</u></p> <p>SEPTO meetings</p> <p>Youth Bureau Board</p> <p>Westchester County Network</p>

WCC Partnership



Peekskill



Tarrytown



Ossining

Workforce Development & Training



Student Support Services

Federal Grant : Pro-social engagement

Monthly sporting events

- Flag football (Spring, Summer and Fall)
- Soccer
- Peekskill Coaches and staff

Mentorship and Positive Male Role Models Speakers Series
MBK Saturday Conference (April, 2025)



Student Support Services

New York State Office of Mental Health \$2.2 Million Grant



Eleanor Marantz
SEL Specialist



LaRon Getter
District Clinical Case
Manager

Grant Project includes but not limited to:

- ReThink Ed SEL Curriculum
- SEL During LEAP
- SEL at Saturday Academy
- SEL Parent Workshops
- SEL After School Groups
- SEL Student & Family Support
- After-school Clinical Team (ACT)
- Peer Support Specialist @ PKMS
- Expanded Andrus Services @ PHS
- SEL Music Program



Adaptive Swim Class

Participants: Five (5) students with disabilities

Timeframe: April 23rd - June 11th, 2025 1 x wk, 5-6 pm at PKMS

Support: Swim coach and HS volunteers from PHS girls swim team

Partners: Peekskills Parks and Recreation Dana Dapson and PHS Teacher Katherine Cray

Training will be provided to staff members and volunteers on how to support our swimmers. Increase visual supports and social stories to enhance learning experience.





W.I.N. (What I Need) Skills Class

Middle School Pilot

15:1 Self Contained Classrooms (Grades 6-8) students will be grouped and provided with intensive reading intervention

1st Class: Decoding Intervention - Orton- Gillingham

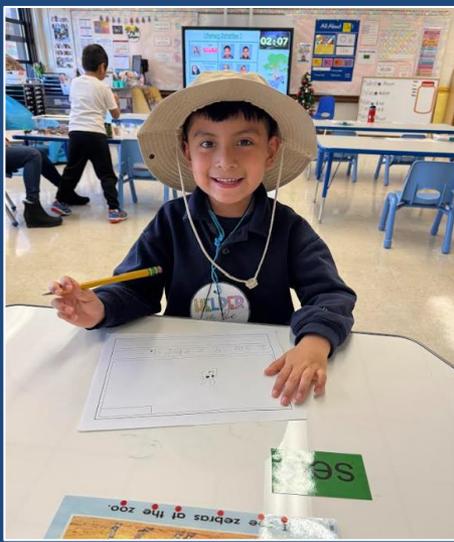
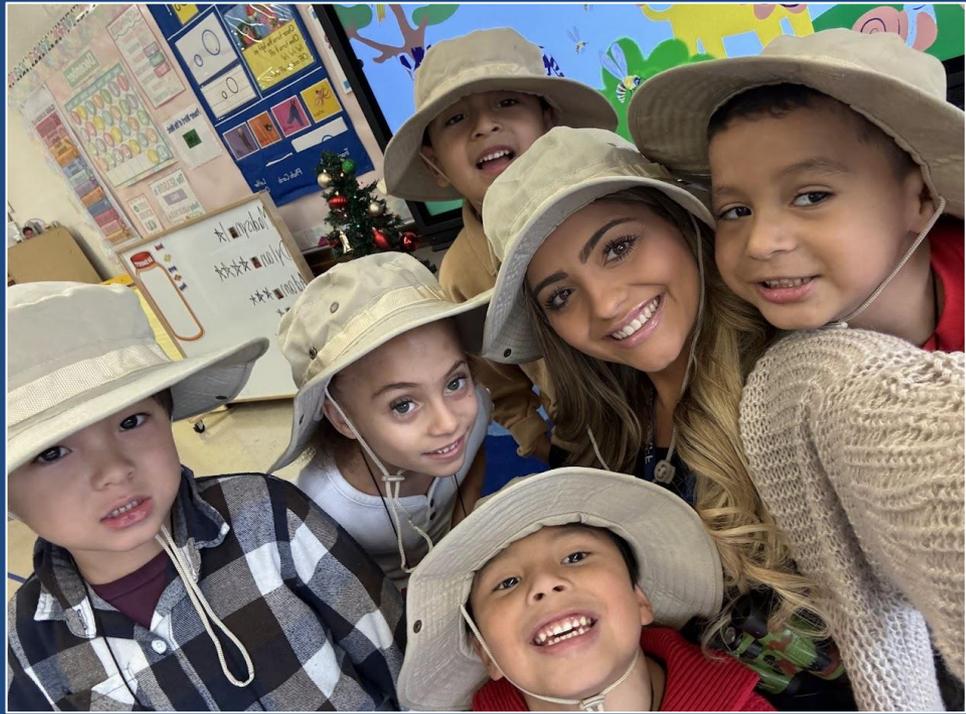
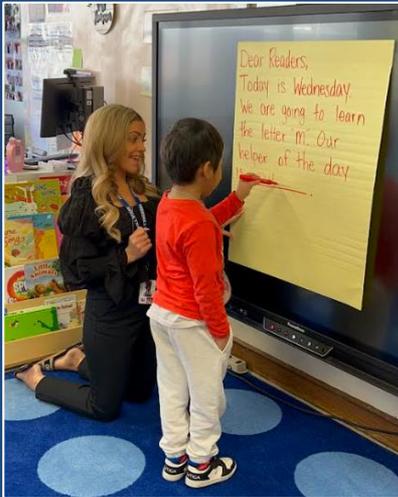
2nd Class: Comprehension Intervention- REWARDS[®]

3rd Class: Math Intervention

*Executive Functioning, Organizational Skills, etc.

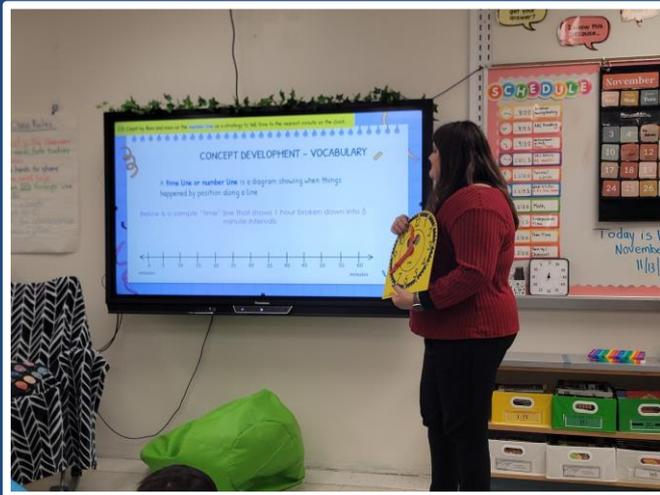


New 12:1:2 Program





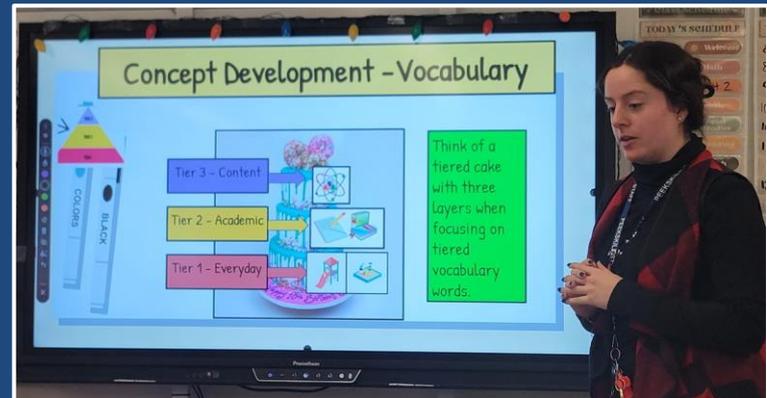
New 6:1:2 Program





Tier 1

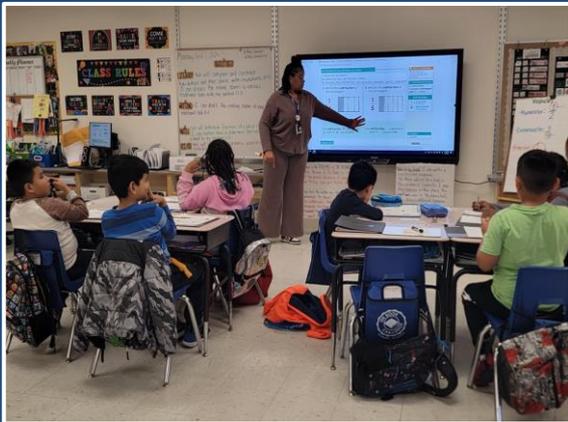
American Reading Company (ARC)





Oakside 15:1:1

2nd / 3rd Class



NYS ELA Exam

Two students scored a Level 3

Two students scored a Level 2



Special Education Teacher Highlights

Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES asked to video record both Mrs. Kiara Turner and Mrs. Angie Macchia for their instructional best practices.

The videos will be used for BOCES trainings that will be provided to all teachers throughout the region.





When they are all grown up . . .



Dr. Liz Barbaretti, Physical Therapist with her former student Tony M. who is now a PHS WISE Program Intern at Woodside Elementary School



Extended School Year (ESY)



First Field Trip



SEPTO

Parent Training & Transition Services



Parent Transition Services

Christine Buckman
Family Resource Center
Monthly sessions by
appointment

SEPTO Meetings

Monthly 6:30 PM
Family Resource
Center or Virtual
April 30 - Webinar
May 25 - In Person



Parent Workshops

District Social Workers
10 virtual sessions
March to May 2023
Tuesdays at Noon



Saturday Academy



Arts in Education
Coming April 2025



Thank you to our Saturday Academy Team & Partners



Join Us!
PKMS
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
April 26 th
May 31 th





Peekskill Pioneers

Come Support our Team

April 2: PCSD v Somers

April 8: PCSD v Ossining

April 24: PCSD v White Plains

May 6: PCSD v Carmel

May 14: PCSD v Lakeland

4:00-6:00 pm



Thank You to Our Special Services Central Office Team



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Thank You