


MSAD #53 Special Services
March 2011
School Board Report

Student Counts:

Special Education: 159 Referrals: 7
Out of District Placement: 2
504: K-8: 64-37 with plans 9-12: 17
ELL: 10
Alternative Education: HS- 15 MS-1 GED-2 Wait List- 2
Transfers In: K-8 90 MCI 34
Transfers Out: K-8 50 MCI 33
Homeless: K-8: 8 9-12: --
Drop Outs: Alt. Ed 3 MCI 5
Habitual Truants: K-8: 0 9-12: 8

IEP meetings to date: As of the 100th day of school we have held 213 IEP meetings K-12. (This does not include the staffings that have been held which do not legally require a written notice to go home.) The good news is not all of them require an additional IEP as well. We have had around 95% attendance from parents. I would like to see us shoot for 98% by the end of the year.

Team Meetings: Prior to the vacation I was able to meet with all of the resource room teams for a half day. At MCI we discussed scheduling and case loads for the upcoming year as well as the life skills programming and day treatment programming. The 7/8 Warsaw staff discussed scheduling options for next year as well as the new Saxon program and changes that we will make for next year. The 5/6 Warsaw staff talked about literacy programming and the next phase for Saxon math. The Vickery team met to review literacy programming including the importance of vocabulary walls, the annual reporting form and the changes that we have instituted for Saxon including the homework club from 7:45-8:15 each day for 4th grade students.



Teach Like a Champion: As a staff we have delved into our new book. We spent time talking about what the book will and will not do. We also talked about the author's philosophy of making sure there is a model or direct instruction, guided practice and then independent practice for student learning. We were jigsawing three different techniques that focus on letting students know the class objective. We ran out of time and will finish the conversation at our next meeting.

What we see depends mainly on what we are looking for.
-John Lubbock