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Special Education Costs

Free Appropriate Public Education in Springboro Schools

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The Federal law regarding Special Education is known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004. This Federal law requires school district's to offer Special Education Services to their students starting at age 3 through the age of 21. The Springboro School District's federal funds for this school year totaled \$710,457.00. As you can see from the charts at the end of this article, our District is required to spend many more dollars than what our District receives due to Federal mandates.

For the 2008-2009 school year, Springboro Schools have 6 AM Preschool classrooms and 6 PM Preschool classrooms that have 8 special needs students and up to 4 typical students in each classroom. We contract for our preschool classrooms, as well as Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists, with Warren County. From 1999 to 2005, MRDD covered the costs of our Preschool program. However, we are now financially responsible for these costs. For the 2008-2009 school year Preschool program estimated costs for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, and Speech/Language Therapists, see the Special Education chart listed below.

For the 2008-2009 school year, we have 38 Intervention Specialist teachers, 41 classroom teaching assistants, 4 School Psychologists, 1 Intern School Psychologist, and 5 Speech/Language Pathologists. Please see the Special Education chart listed below for estimated costs.

Springboro Community City Schools service students who have varying abilities. Based on State regulations, we have students identified under specific labels. We were servicing the following students as of December 1, 2007:

- 12 Students with the label of Multiple Disabilities
- 3 Students with the label of Deafness (Hearing Impairments)
- 8 Students with the label of Visual Impairments
- 145 Students with the label of Speech and Language Impairments
- 11 Students with the label of Orthopedic Impairments
- 15 Students with the label of Emotional Disturbance (SBH)
- 18 Students with the label of Cognitive Disabilities
- 3 Students with the label of Traumatic Brain Injury
- 35 Students with the label of Autism
- 106 Students with the label of Other Health Impaired Minor
- 3 Students with the label of Other Health Impaired Major
- 292 Students with the label of Specific Learning Disability
- 50 Students on 504 Plans
- 85 Preschoolers

Based on the needs of the child, the IEP is developed and the Team determines what the **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)** is so the child can be with typical peers as much as possible. Some of these placements may range from resource classroom (self-contained classroom) to being fully included in the regular classroom with minimal supports or being placed in a separate facility/school where their needs can be met. These decisions regarding services are part of the MFE and IEP process and are determined within the MFE/IEP team meeting. The following services offered to our Special needs population are required/mandated by law and services are determined by the Individual Educational Program Team members. The Director of Special Education and the Special Education Coordinator are responsible for overseeing all aspects of the program, providing for the services of our Special needs population within the district, and for attending any meetings where our Springboro students attend school outside of the District boundaries. The Director and Coordinator complete numerous state reports and provide professional development to ensure that the district is providing the legally appropriate service and stays in compliance with State and Federal mandates.

Other services that are offered based on student need are as follows:

1. **Orientation and Mobility (O&M)**
7. **Nursing Care**

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| 2. Physical Therapy (PT) | 8. Special Transportation |
| 3. Occupational Therapy (OT) | 9. Educational Assistants |
| 4. Speech/Language Therapy(S/L) | 10. Work-study Services |
| 5. Audiological Services | 11. Vision Specialist (VI) |
| 6. Interpreter Services | 12. Adaptive Equipment |

The overall goal of Springboro Community City Schools is to provide an appropriate education for all students regardless of ability and/or needs. We strive daily to help these students learn age-appropriate skills to the best of the student's ability. One typical special needs student with no related services may cost the District an additional \$24.00 per day for their special education services. A student who requires many related services such as an intervention specialist, full-time nurse, interpreter, OT, PT, and an audiologist to advance in the educational program can cost the district up to or as much as \$106,272.94.

Estimated Total Preschool Special Education Costs

	2008
Salary Preschool Psych.	\$51,685
Salary S/L therapists	\$162,704
Salary for teachers	\$605,306
Salary for OT's	\$101,528
Salary for PT's	\$87,024
Salary for Itinerant teachers	\$53,309
Total Inputs	\$1,061,556

Estimated Total School Age Special Education Costs

	2008
Teachers	\$2,643,152
Teaching assist.	\$1,245,744
VI	\$25,000
O & M	\$8,000
Audiologist	\$7,000
Nurse	\$56,160
Speech Pathologists	\$532,694
Psychologists	\$335,277

OT	\$321,832
PT	\$232,064
Tuition for students	\$130,743
UTS-transportation	\$77,420
Director	\$116,000
Coordinator	\$80,000
Secretary	\$64,876
Input Total	\$5,875,962

Estimated costs include salary and benefits.