



Special Education Services



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Special Education Budget

The FY 20 Special Education budget is designed to build on the investments made within the 2018-19 budget year (FY 19). The Special Education Departmental goals for the current year will extend into the 2019-20 school year. Broadly, these goals include:

- Increasing the effectiveness of our internal systems for program management
- Developing the capacity of our building based teams to develop and implement student programs
- Developing parent partnerships through increasing transparency and providing information regarding the special education process

Within the salary accounts (1000s), there is a reduction of a 0.5 Transition Coordinator position. The district will continue to meet the transition needs of its students. The district is well staffed to continue to make progress and meet the needs of our students.

Professional and Technical Services (3000s) accounts reflect calculated shifts based on current and anticipated student needs, and knowledge of trends within the area of special education. Increases to the professional development funding for special education will allow the district to build the capacity of our teachers and related service providers. The district will be providing clinical supervision for our Board Certified Behavior Analysts. This supervision will also include opportunities for professional development for our paraprofessionals and further the ability of the district to meet the needs of increasingly complex learners.

Legal representation for special education purposes is accounted for within Professional and Technical Services. Adjustments to the allocation for legal services reflect a trend of increased costs, which began in the 2016-17 school year and continue through the current year. The adjustments in legal service expenses also reflect the district's effort to assure an appropriate and comprehensive response when presented with requests for due process or mediation.

There are no substantive changes to Property Services (4000s).

Other Services (5000s) reflects an increase of approximately \$110,000 from the 2017-18 actual spending. This allocation is based on an analysis of current contractual agreements, including out of district placements and settlement agreements, and projections for student needs for the 2019-20 school year. This allocation includes four unanticipated or pending placements estimated in sum at \$380,000, and an inflation rate of 2.5% for the outplacement schools. The district continues to monitor this account with vigilance and can provide updates as we move through the budget process.

Supplies and materials (6000s) and Equipment (7000s) are increased to provide district staff and students access to instructional and assessment materials that are valid, reliable, comprehensive, and individualized. These materials allow the district to develop individualized student programs.

In closing, this budget request is student centered and fiscally responsible. It is calculated for the district to continue meaningful progress in providing all our students excellent and responsive educational opportunities.

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Weston Public Schools, Weston, CT

2018-2019 Actual			2019-2020 Projected				
Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Program	Operating Budget FTE	Other Sources FTE	Total FTE	Change
Certified Staff							
Classroom Teachers							
2.50	0.50	3.00	Pre-School Special Ed and Typical	2.50	0.50	3.00	0.00
4.00	0.00	4.00	Hurlbutt Elementary School	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
5.00	0.00	5.00	Weston Intermediate School	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
6.00	0.00	6.00	Weston Middle School	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
6.00	0.00	6.00	Weston High School	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
Total Classroom Teachers							
Special Subject Classroom Teachers							
0.85	0.00	0.85	Adaptive PE K-12	0.85	0.00	0.85	0.00
1.80	0.00	1.80	Project Challenge	1.70	0.00	1.70	-0.10
Support Services							
5.00	1.00	6.00	Speech and Language	5.00	1.00	6.00	0.00
3.00	0.00	3.00	BCBA's	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
1.00	0.00	1.00	Behavioral Specialist	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
1.00	0.00	1.00	Life Skills/Transition Coordinator	0.50	0.00	0.50	-0.50
Total Special Subjects & Support Services Staff							
Administration							
1.00	0.00	1.00	Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
2.00	0.00	2.00	Asst. Dir. of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Ser.	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
39.15	1.50	40.65		38.55	1.50	40.05	-0.60
Non Certified Staff							
Secretarial							
1.00	0.00	1.00	Assistant Superintendent Administrative Assistant	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
0.93	0.00	0.93	Centralized School-Based	0.93	0.00	0.93	0.00
Para Educators							
34.15	9.24	43.39	District wide Para Educators	32.15	9.24	41.39	-2.00
Other Classified Staff							
0.60	0.00	0.60	Vocational Specialist	0.60	0.00	0.60	0.00
36.68	9.24	45.92		34.68	9.24	43.92	-2.00
75.83	10.74	86.57		73.23	10.74	83.97	-2.60