



Hallsville ISD Department of Special Education

Director:
Amy Collins

Update for June School Board meeting:

- 1.) We ended the school year with 862 students in Special Education. While referral numbers are not decreasing, they are growing at a smaller rate. Below the **projected number of students served in special education** is indicated below by campus:

Campus	Projected numbers 26/27
East Elementary	100
North Elementary	91
West Elementary	116
5 th grade	95
6 th grade	99
JH	168
HS	181

A few things to note: West numbers are higher than the other Elementary campuses. They also had more referrals than any other Elementary. Renee Stewart and I will meet with campus admin and counselor to review the SIT process and how to address a request for initial testing. We have started the conversation, but will follow up with new admin.

The heavy numbers at Intermediate is mainly due to the Dyslexia count. Typically, students are identified in the Elementary years. Once the Elementary campuses “merge” at 5th grade, it causes the overall number of students identified to naturally increase. 5th and 6th grade has more students identified than 9-12th. So, we are identifying, intervening, then dismissing.

- 2.) Our Pathways 18+ program has added a work site. RBG gardens has agreed to participate in supporting our adult students with job skills. This gives our adult population an additional option and opportunity to develop skills needed to work in a nursery setting.

We have a new Facebook page setup to recognize the accomplishments of our students as well as give a “shout out” to the businesses that support our program.



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- 3.) We are planning a *back to school* parent training/resource time prior to the start of the school year. This will be offered to parents of student with Autism and/or significant cognitive delays. We hope to assist parents with the chaos of getting back into the routine and how to support these students in that transition. This will also serve as an opportunity to highlight the parent training and in home training options for these students throughout the year.