



Wall Township Public Schools Board of Education

# **SPECIAL SERVICES BUDGET PRESENTATION**

*Tuesday, February 25, 2025*

*Presented by,*

**Kelly Bond, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services**



# Tonight's Agenda

- Vision/Responsibilities of the Department
- Programs and Placements
- Code Requirements
- Out-of-District and Tuition-In Projections
- Services Provided
- Associated Costs

# Vision/Responsibilities

- Educate students with disabilities ages 3-21
- Provide necessary support for students with disabilities and special needs
- To the maximum extent possible, educate students within the least restrictive environment (LRE) while providing a free and appropriate education (FAPE) based on a student's unique needs
- Ensure the rights of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) while remaining in compliance with the NJ Administrative Code (6A:14)
- Provide the extraordinary services that are required for students to access education

# Continuum of LRE Placements

Home  
Instruction

Most Restrictive  
Environment

Out-of-District  
Placement

Self-Contained Programs

Pull-Out Resource

Least Restrictive  
Environment

In-Class Resource  
General Education Classroom



# NJ Administrative Code Group Sizes

	Elementary	Secondary
<b>In-Class Resource (ICR)</b>	8	10
<b>Pull-Out Resource (POR)</b>	6 (7-9)	9 (10-12)

<b>Preschool Disabilities</b>	8 (9-12)
<b>Emotional Regulation Impairment (ERI)</b>	9 (10-12)
<b>Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)</b>	10 (11-16)
<b>Multiple Disabilities (MD)</b>	8 (9-12)

# Our Special Programs

## **Wall Primary School**

- Preschool Disabled
- Integrated Preschool

## **Allenwood Elementary School**

- Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)

## **Old Mill Elementary School**

- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)

## **Wall Intermediate School**

- Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)

## **Wall High School**

- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Work Based Experience
- RISE
- Specialized Resource Classes - ERI



# RISE

RISE is a program designed to assist students in an individualized, school-based therapeutic and academic learning environment.

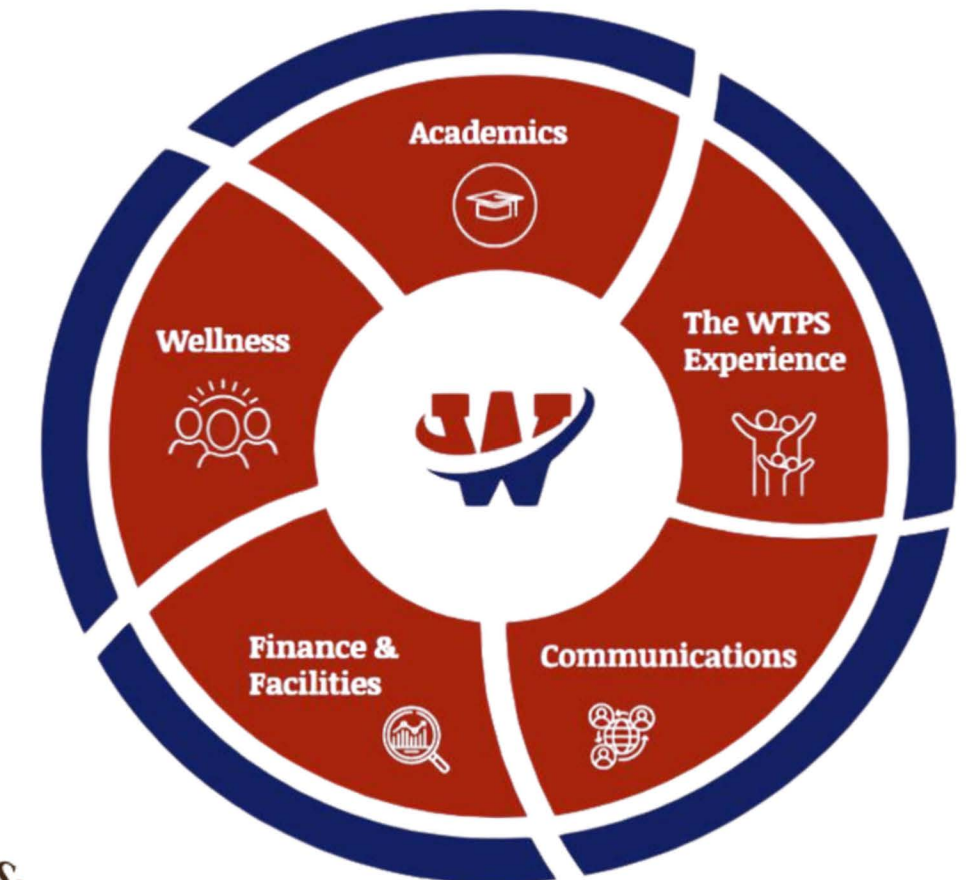
Students in grades 9-12 with an IEP due to:

- School Refusal/Avoidance/Phobia
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Risk Behavior
- Emotional Regulation Difficulties

Wall High School students considered for the program are currently:

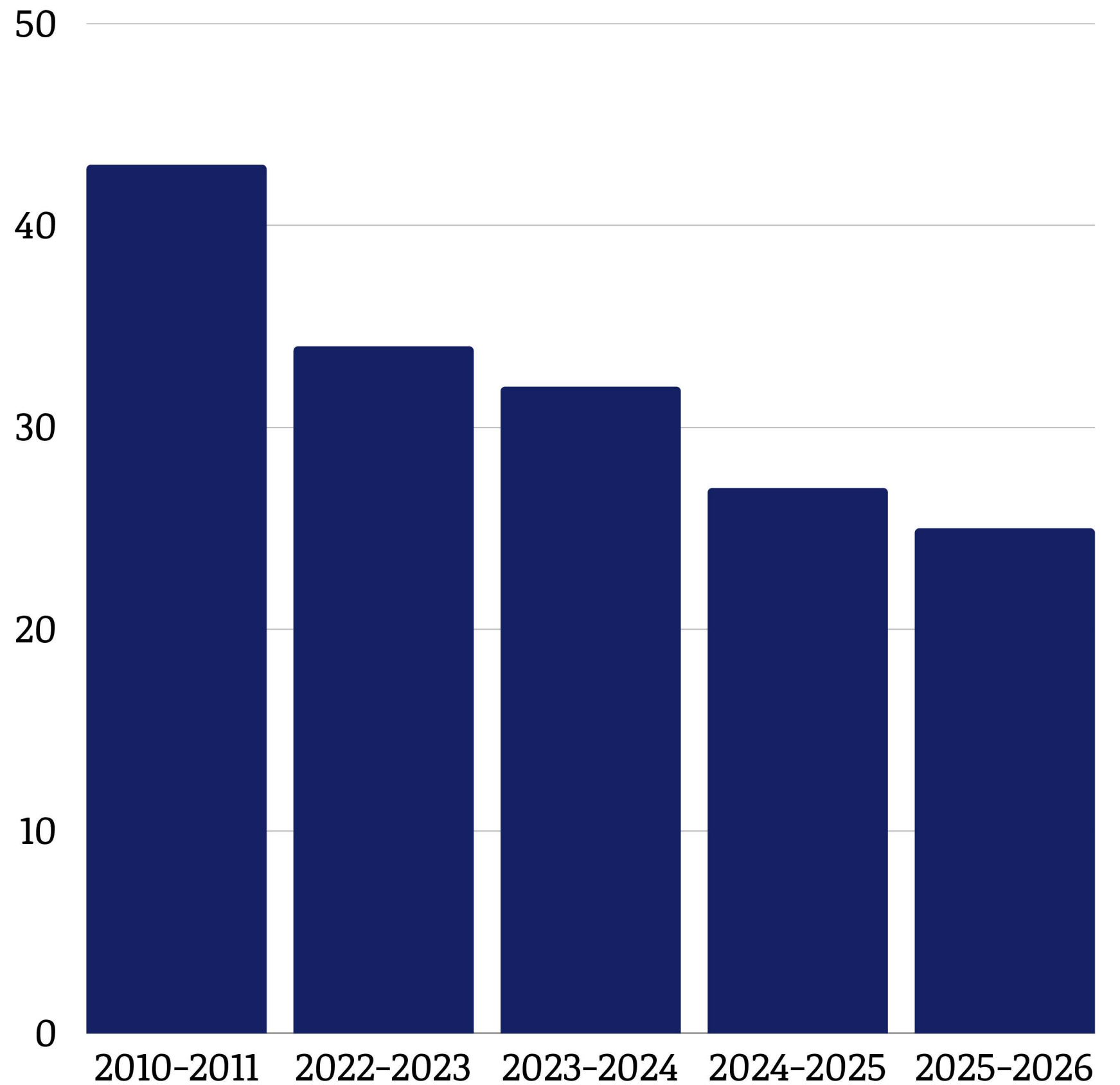
- Students who are struggling to meet graduation requirements and/or have chronic absenteeism
- Students on home instruction
- Students placed at an out-of-district school who meet the profile above

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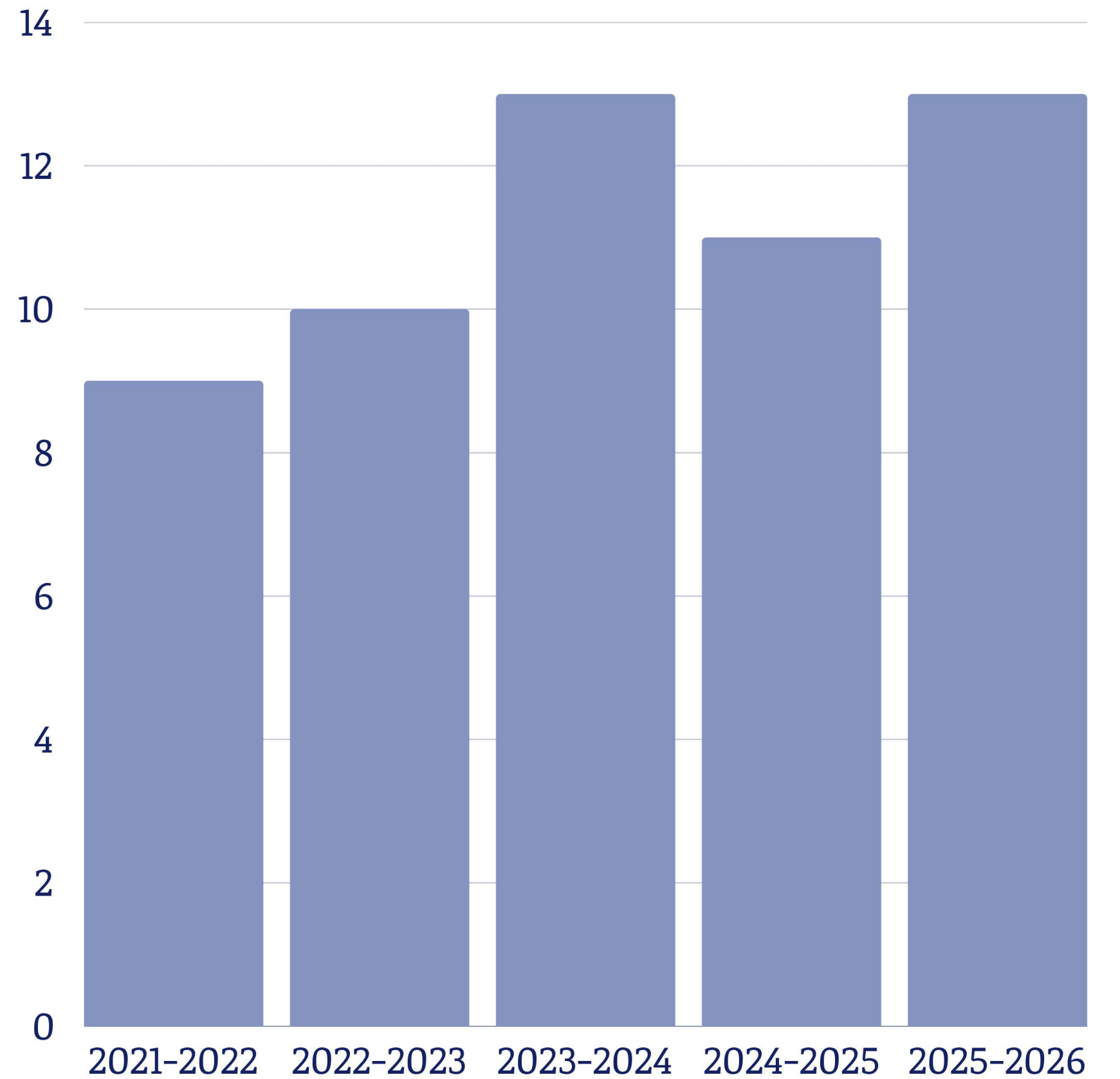
RISE PROGRAM  
WALL HIGH SCHOOL

# Out-of-District Placements





# Tuition-In Students



# 2025-2026 Budget

- Tuition for Out-of-District Placements
- Extended School Year Programming
- Extraordinary Services/Student Needs
  - Paraprofessionals
  - Nurses
  - Items Specific to a Student's Needs
  - Specific Curricular Materials
  - Translating Services
- Evaluations of Student Needs
  - Speech/Language
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Assistive Technology
  - Augmentative
  - Bilingual
  - Psychiatric
  - Neurological
  - Psychological
  - Visual Assessments
  - Audiological

- Professional Services
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Physical Therapists
  - Behavioral Consultants
  - Commission of the Blind
  - Orientation & Mobility
- Specialized Equipment, Technology, Curriculum
  - Frequency-Modulated (FM) Systems
  - Augmentative Devices/Programs
  - Technology Equipment
  - Adaptive Equipment
  - Specialized Instruction Materials
- Support for Staff/Students
  - Crisis Prevention Intervention Training (CPI)
  - IEP Direct
  - Accuscan
  - Learning Ally/Read & Write Extension
- Testing Materials
  - New Woodcock-Johnson Test of Achievement (WJ V)



# 2025-2026 Budget

- ↓ Out-of-District Tuition: \$2,599,632  
1:1 Nursing: \$250,000
- ↑ Professional Services: \$234,000
- ↑ Therapeutic Services: \$190,000  
Specialized Evaluations/Programs: \$140,000
- ↓ Supplies and Materials: \$130,000
- ↓ Extraordinary Items: \$18,000
- ↓ Trips Curricular/Extraordinary: \$17,000





**Thank You**

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