



Student Services Updates

November 2023

BCBA and RBT

The District has contracted with Mid-Ohio for services provided by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). The BCBA's role is to observe student behaviors, provide support for teachers and staff, and assist the team with developing and implementing a Behavior Intervention Plan or addressing behavioral needs through an IEP. She has been working in the elementary building. She also oversees the RBT.

The Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)'s role is to work directly with students to teach the necessary skills to adjust and adapt to a school environment. She will focus on socially appropriate replacement behaviors and address sensory seeking needs. She is responsible for following through with the BCBA's plan but can also help support teachers and students. She is in the elementary building Monday - Thursday afternoons and all day on Friday.

We currently have six students the RBT is currently working with. We obtain parent permission before conducting any observations, evaluations, or having the RBT work directly with a student. We are utilizing her to support and transition students into the general education classroom from a special education self-contained classroom.

Vision and Occupational Therapist

The District is partnering with Mid-Ohio to bring in additional support for our students who have ocular motor dysfunction. Lauren Stacy, OT, started working with students after seeing a presentation by Robert Constantine, OT. He is providing an overview to the Directors at our next Mid-Ohio Directors Meeting, November 17. In December, he is going to provide our OTs and COTAs with a one-day training at Mid-Ohio and the following day will work directly with Lauren on implementation in Bucyrus.



2023 Special Education Rating

The Special Education Ratings were released on October 24, 2023. This rating is based on the District's Special Education data from the 2021-2022 school year. This data included is from the Special Education Profile released in January 2023.

Bucyrus received a rating of Meets Requirements. This time the rating is solely based on compliance indicators.

There are two ratings. The Actual Rating is the current rating based on compliance and the Projected Rating is based on 8 measures of procedural compliance with 2 measures of students' results. The students' results are based on the high school graduation rate and the dropout rate.

Information on the Special Education Profile is expected to be released mid-December. This information will show the District's progress over time in meeting their goals for students with disabilities. It helps districts use data about the academic growth of groups of students to support improvements with the special education programming.

Diner 104

This week the middle school students who are in the multi-categorical unit have started working with the high school students at the Diner. We are hoping to increase exposure to a language rich environment. The Speech Therapist, Alison Roof, is excited to support the middle school students' language in a real world setting. Currently, they are with the high school students three days a month. The first day is for a period to help with planning the menu. The second day is helping with meal prep and the third day is working the diner to take and serve orders.

Mid-Ohio is bringing a group over to enjoy lunch at Diner 104 on November 16, 2023. She has heard Alison talk about the work Tammy and her students have done, and wants to see it first hand.