

O'Neill Public School  
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December 2024 Report

Current Special Education enrollment is 177 with some of those students currently being tested to receive services. There have been 23 IEPs, 8 MDTs, and 2 IFSP meetings since the last board meeting.

The Nebraska Department of Education expects that less than 1% of the student population in each district will take the alternate assessment for statewide testing. The alternate assessment is designed for students with severe cognitive disabilities or multi-handicapping conditions. Since our district does exceed the 1%, we are required to fill out a Request for the Exception of the 1%. It is our goal to continue to make progress towards reaching the 1%. However, we will also be mindful of qualifying students for the alternate assessment when this is most appropriate for them. This document is submitted to Nebraska Department of Special Education yearly.

ACT accommodations have been submitted for juniors that will be taking the ACT in the spring.

Mrs. Brodersen and I are in the early stages of updating our Targeted Improvement Plan. We attended a TIP workshop at ESU #8 on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will attend an additional workshop for the Targeted Improvement Plan in February.

I attended the Region 3 NASES monthly meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Norfolk. We watch the monthly NDE special education webinar and then have discussions about topics in special education. I enjoy attending these monthly meetings and collaborating with other special education directors in our area.

A zoom meeting was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> with the Early Development Network. These meetings consist of the Services Coordinators from the Early Development Network, Mrs. Clifton, Katie Owens, Sabrina Donley, physical therapist, occupational therapist, and vision teacher from ESU #8. This meeting is held to discuss the progress of the birth-2 students served by our district.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Holiday Lunch was planned and prepared by the Center for Teaching and Learning students. They invited parents, teachers, administrators, and school board members to attend the lunch. This is always a hit, and students enjoy preparing for this meal.