

Kimberly School Board Presentation

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Highlights
from
SPECIAL EDUCATION

SY 2023/24



-Served **170** Special Education Students (ages: preschool -21)

-State General File Review for Kimberly School District:

100% COMPLIANT

-**Zero** State Complaints filed

-Trained **district employees** in Restraint and Seclusion Guidelines

-Added **9** contracted behavior Interventionalists



MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS

- **VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNSELING**
- Significantly **increased** Medicaid billing and revenue across the Special Education Department (Acknowledgements)
- **9** Behavioral Interventionalists added
- Medicaid Reimbursable services at a **neutral cost** to the district





504 PLANS

Civil Rights Act known as the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The name 504 plan comes from Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in programs or activities that receive federal funding (such as public schools or publicly funded private schools).

A 504 plan is a blueprint for how the school will support a student with a disability and remove barriers to learning. The goal is to give the student equal access at school.

Accommodations: Equal playing field

504 Plans

The American Psychological Association predicts that the mental health epidemic will continue to impact teenagers. The number of adolescents suffering from depression and anxiety is not expected to drop in the future. Due to these predictions, and the rapid growth of 504 users, it is also anticipated that there will be even more 504 plans in existence in the next 5–10 years.



What is a 504 Plan?

- 504 plans often include accommodations. These can include:
- Changes to the environment (like taking tests in a quiet space)
- Changes to instruction (like checking in frequently on key concepts)
- Changes to how curriculum is presented (like getting outlines of lessons)
- Accommodations don't change *what* kids learn, just *how* they learn it. The goal is to remove barriers and give kids access to learning.



How to qualify for a 504 plan:

To get a 504 plan, a student must have a “physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.”

The important thing to know is that many different conditions can be impairments. And most things people do each day — from eating and sleeping to learning and thinking — are major life activities.



Why the increase?

- **Medical Diagnosis (but not required)**

- Attention Deficit Disorders
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trending
- Broader Definition



Kimberly 504 Plan Increases 64% in 3 years

<u>School Year</u>	<u># of 504 Plans</u>	<u>Increase</u>
• 2021-22	70	(70)
• 2022-23	100	+30
• 2023-24	115	+15
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	Total:	115



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