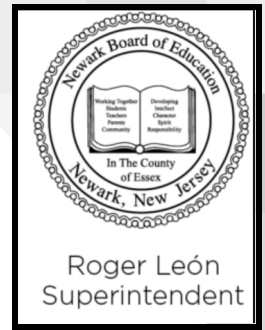


Newark Board of Education Office of Special Education

November 7, 2022

Marilyn Mitchell, Director of Special Education



Teacher Talk OSE Updates

Diverse Abilities Awareness

Celebrating Diverse Abilities During the Month of November

During the week of November 7-11, 2022 schools throughout the United States will celebrate [National School Psychology Week \(NSPW\)](#) to highlight the important work School Psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive. This year's theme is "Let's Get in Gear." The theme's acronym provides a challenge to grow both personally and professionally. It encourages us to engage in best practices and advocate for children's access to mental health and learning supports. To rise implies resilience and renewal despite the challenges of the past. **Remember to shout out your School Psychologist.** See below link for School Psychology Resources:

- [NASP Suggested Resources](#)
- [10 Ways to Support Kids' Mental Health](#)

Upcoming: Inclusive Schools Week

OSE honors Inclusive Schools Week, **December 5th-9th**, each year during the first full week of December. The theme for 2022 is "Unity Within Our Community". Inclusion isn't simply allowing students with disabilities to share space with their peers; it involves the deliberate use of evidence-based strategies to allow all students access to meaningful learning.

Each school is encouraged to engage in activities during the first week of December to highlight their building's climate and culture to celebrate Diversity and Unity. See our [Inclusive Schools 2022 Calendar of Activities](#) for ideas on ways to celebrate inclusion.

Resources for Teachers and School Staff

- [Inclusion Basics](#) - A brief online course covering the history and philosophy of inclusion
- [Top Ten Tips for Supporting Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom](#) - Practical strategies to help students with ASD have successful general education experiences
- [Tip Sheets for Teachers](#) - 4 Habits of Effective Inclusive Educators, 5 Ways to Create an Inclusive School Culture, 8 Ways to Get Learning "Off the Page", and more!

- [Fair is Not Always Equal](#) - A poster that presents the idea of differentiation with easy-to-understand graphics

Finally, OSE's annual Inclusive Schools Slideshow will debut in December. Please use the template "[NPS Inclusive Schools Slideshow](#)" to highlight your school's yearlong dedication to Inclusive Practices. Share back your slide deck to Amy Woods at a1woods@nps.k12.nj.us by November 23rd.

Child Study Team PD Sessions

This year, all OSE PD workshops and monthly meetings for the Child Study Team can be found in SchoolMint Grow as well Principal Points and Teacher Talks. Child Study Team members are to self-register for select OSE CST workshops and/or monthly meetings within SchoolMint Grow. CSTs should review the workshop description to determine which OSE workshops to attend.

CST Workshops

Essential Elements and the IEP Part 2:

IEP Goals aligned to linkage levels, selecting accommodations to support identified student needs. All CSTs who support students whose IEP references Essential Elements and DLM should attend. This workshop will be held virtually.

- Monday, November 7, 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am

CST Workshop for LDTCs

Goalbook Virtual Course Designing Instruction 120 minutes and GORT1. This PD session will be held In-Person. Contact Dr. Fonseca or Ms. Pennetti for more information.

- Wednesday, November 9, 2022 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

SLS Workshops with PT and OT joining in the afternoon

Apraxia of Speech: Dx & EBP treatment strategies. PD Session will be held virtually. Contact Ms. Ford for additional information.

- Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

NEW CST Workshops

PD Session will be held virtually.

- Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am

CST Workshop for Psychologists

Taking a deeper dive into the ReThinks' SEL and Mental Health curriculum. Facilitated by ReThink. This workshop will be held virtually.

- Monday, November 21, 2022 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT for TEACHERS

Special Education Teacher Academy (S.E.T.A.)

November's workshop will address writing Data Driven PLAAFPs and writing SMART IEP Goals. Please register in SchoolMint Grow.

- Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

OSE Office Hours

November's OSE Office Hours will focus on PLAAFPs, IEP Goals and the EdPlan Interface. Please see resources from prior workshops below. Manuals are also available within the EdPlan Dashboard. Use this [Webex Link to Join](#) on the following dates below.

- Tuesday, November 8, 2022 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
- Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

[Writing PLAAFPs and IEP Goals slide deck](#)

[PLAAFP Rubric \(adapted from Carol Kosnitsky\)](#)

[IEP Goal Writing Hints](#)

[EdPlan New User Interface \(PLAAFP and IEP Goals\)](#)

[EdPlan Creating Your Own Goalbank](#)



Clerc Center Trainer November-December Site Visits

Gallaudet- Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center Trainer, Ms.Barbara Robinson, will be visiting our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs at Bruce Street School for the Deaf and Technology High School over the next 2 months. Ms. Robinson will conduct observations, provide coaching and actionable feedback for our teachers of the deaf, Deaf/HH program paraprofessionals and interpreters. The Clerc ASL/English Bilingual Teacher Observation Form will be introduced to support language use and student engagement. More information regarding the site visits is forthcoming and will be available on SchoolMint Grow. Please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor with any questions (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).



Star Autism Supports Consultant November Site Visits

The Star Autism Supports Consultants will be returning to our district schools with Autism Programs in November to visit the 2 model classrooms in each school. They will provide Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 teachers with coaching and feedback in their implementation of the STAR or LINKS Curriculum. This includes support with the use of the lesson plans, teaching materials, data systems and a curriculum-based assessment for teaching in the six curricular areas of receptive language, expressive language, spontaneous language, functional routines, academics, and play & social skills.

Star Autism Supports Site Visit Dates:

- Monday, November 28, 2022
- Tuesday, November 29, 2022
- Wednesday, November 30, 2022
- Thursday, December 1, 2022

More information regarding the site visit schedule is forthcoming and will be available on SchoolMint Grow. Please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor with any questions (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).

rethinkEd Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) On-Demand Training Series for CST and Paraprofessionals in Autism Programs

Child Study Team members and paraprofessionals who work in the Autism Programs can support their students and respective teachers by accessing the on-demand ABA Learning Modules in RethinkEd's lesson library. CST and paraprofessionals can increase their skill set in the area of ABA and learn more about evidence-based support for learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Special education teachers that support the Autism Program all currently have access to ReThink.

Case managers and paraprofessionals for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder have 2 Training options:

- **Basic Training:** Educators can earn a certificate for 8-hours of professional development upon completion of all 11 Basic Training modules.
- **Advanced Training:** Educators can earn a certificate for each individual training module, amounting to 40-hours of professional development upon completion. This course can also be used to satisfy the RBT Certification coursework requirements.

If you would like access to the ABA On-Demand Training Series or if you have any questions, please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).

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OSE REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN® (RBT®) Paraprofessional Training Program November Sessions

Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Paraprofessionals can register for the November RBT Virtual sessions on SchoolMint Grow under, NBOE & RethinkEd Paraprofessional RBT Training - Highly Qualified ABA Specialist 2022-2023 Series. The RethinkEd Consultant will schedule the Monthly Applied Practice Coaching Onsite Support at the paraprofessionals' respective building.

Behavior Management Part 1: Complete Training Modules: 18 – 19A

- PLC Topic 3: Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Behavior Management Part 2: Complete Training Modules: 19B-19D

- PLC Topic 4: Tuesday, November 29th, 2022 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Zoom Link Information is available on SchoolMint Grow. Please reach out to Katherine Agurto, OSE Supervisor, with any questions (kagurto@nps.k12.nj.us).

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Initial Evaluation Center: Adrianna DeGiovanni	

OSE Professional Development: Candice Wells	
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