Special Education Programs and Services

Elementary Buildings

Current Basic Classroom Programs

- 14 preschool/elementary basic classroom programs district-wide
- 13 preschool/elementary basic classroom programs in elementary buildings

4 - ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) Classrooms for children ages 3-5

AM and PM sessions with maximum of 12 children in each session (total 24)

1 – Keith Elementary

1 – Twin Beach Elementary

1 – Meadowbrook Elementary

1 – Twin Sun (not in consideration in this process)

- All require student restroom in the classroom given toileting needs/adult support for changing, etc.
- All require appropriate classroom space for specialized equipment, mobility equipment, etc.

5 – Elementary ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Classrooms for children K-5th grade

Maximum of 6 children per ASD classroom; grouped by grade levels

3 – Pleasant Lake Elementary (K-1, 2-3, 4-5 typically)

2 – Oakley Park Elementary (K-2 and 3-5 typically)

- Student restroom in classroom for K-1-2 configuration is desired given toileting needs/adult support for changing
4 – Elementary CI (Cognitively Impaired) Classrooms for children K-5\textsuperscript{th} grade

- Maximum of 15 children per CI classroom; grouped by grade levels
- 2 – Twin Beach Elementary (K-2 and 3-5 typically)
- 2 – Meadowbrook Elementary (K-2 and 3-5 typically)
  - Students supported in CI programs at Meadowbrook Elementary require student restroom in the classroom given toileting needs/adult support for changing
  - Students supported in CI programs at Meadowbrook Elementary require appropriate for specialized equipment/mobility equipment, etc.
  - Students supported in CI programs at Twin Beach require typical elementary classrooms

2 – Elementary EI (Emotionally Impaired) Classrooms for children K-5\textsuperscript{th} grade

- 2 – Loon Lake Elementary (K-2 and 3-5 typically)
  - Require typical elementary classrooms

2012-2013 County-wide restructuring of Center Programs

- Open one new elementary classroom program for our children now in county Center Programs to return “home” to Walled Lake
- Elementary SXI (Severe Multiple Impairment) Classroom for children K-5\textsuperscript{th}
- Requires student restroom in classroom given health-care and toileting needs
- Requires appropriate space for health-care equipment, mobility equipment, etc.

Total of 14 elementary classrooms needed for special education basic classroom programs for 2012-2013.

- Minimum of 7 require student restrooms in the classrooms
Considerations for Special Education Basic Classrooms

1. More than decade long commitment to pairing elementary basic classroom programs (K-5 programs).
   - K-2 program in same building as K-5 program
   - Never housing a K-2 or 3-5 program in isolation in a building
   - Children need consistent K-5 experience
   - Takes time for general education staff to learn students, needs, and how to support these children with special needs
   - Transitions tend to be most challenging for children in these specialized programs
   - Special education teachers have a partner/colleague for planning, professional development, and daily support

2. Strive for more central location in the district to support transportation and accessibility for parents and students.
   - Avoid extremes of North/South boundaries whenever possible
   - Avoid bus travel in excess of 1 hour (under 45 minutes preferred)
   - Reduces number of special education dedicated buses needed overall as one bus may transport lower and upper elementary students
Elementary Special Education Staffing for All Buildings (in addition to Early Childhood and Elementary Special Education Basic Classroom Programs)

- Special Education Resource Room programs
- Resource room teachers provide instruction in small groups
- Ancillary staff support including school psychologists, school social workers, speech and language providers, occupational therapists and physical therapists
- Ancillary staff provide instruction/support individually or in small groups; all assessments/evaluations are one-on-one and confidential

Current Resource Room Staffing per Building (varies annually based on caseloads/needs)

1. Commerce = 1
2. Dublin = 1.5
3. Glengary = 2
4. Guest = 1.5
5. Hickory Woods = 2
6. Keith = 1
7. Loon Lake = 2
8. Maple = 1
9. Meadowbrook = 1
10. Oakley Park = 2
11. Pleasant Lake = 1
12. Twin Beach = 1
13. Walled Lake = 2
14. Wixom = 1.5