

# **Special Education In District Classrooms at Swan Creek School**

**Board of Education Business Meeting  
November 18, 2024**

# Special Education Continuum

Least  
Restrictive

Most  
Restrictive

Residence  
School

Regional  
Programs within  
Comprehensive  
Schools

Public Separate  
Day School

Private Separate  
Day School

# Proposed Special Education Continuum

Least Restrictive

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In District Classroom

Private Separate Day School

# Central IEP Team Referral Data

Central IEP Team Referrals	SY 21-22	SY 22-23	SY 23-24	SY 24-25
QTR 1 (Jul-Sept)	8	14	13	20
QTR 2 (Oct-Dec)	13	17	24	N/A
QTR 3 (Jan-Mar)	27	22	37	N/A
QTR 4 (Apr-Jun)	41	78	69	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Students are referred to CIEP when needs supersede resources in current setting.

Approximately 27 students are currently waiting for a non-public placement.

Average wait for acceptance into a non-public school is 6 months; some wait as long as 13 months.

While awaiting placement, staff and student safety may be compromised.

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**Enacted during the 2022 legislative session, HB 1255 removed seclusion from MD public schools, resulting in an increased number of students requiring non-public placements.**

	<b>FY 21</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 24</b>
<b>Number of Students in Non-Public Placements</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>247</b>



# Contract Proposal

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**In District Classrooms at Swan Creek School – IDC**

## **Specialized Education Services, Inc. (SESI)**

*Proven expertise in building the confidence and competence of students through personalized academic and behavioral interventions.*



**More than 90 non-  
public schools  
nationwide**

**100+ in-district  
classrooms across  
18 States**

**High Road Schools  
located in Belcamp  
and White Marsh**

# Contract Proposal

## SESI will provide:

- 1 SESI Admin
- 1 SESI Team Lead/Program Facilitator
- 2 SESI Special Educators
- 1 SESI Social Worker
- 4 SESI Support Staff

## HCPS will provide:

- Facilities/Space
- Staff to provide related services
- Funding for 1:1 Adult Support, as needed
- Transportation
- Food Service

Individualized academic and behavioral programming for the remainder of 24-25, including extended school year services. (approximately 110 days of instruction)

Cost for 18 students:  
\$329,940

Individualized academic and behavioral programming for the 25-26 school year.

Cost for 18 students:  
\$657,072

# Benefits of an IDC

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More immediate access to a therapeutic setting for students requiring a more restrictive placement.

Reduces the stress of out-of-county travel.

Access to an in-county, interim placement for elementary and middle school aged students.

Diagnostic opportunities for students who transfer to HCPS from therapeutic placements.

Reduces cost associated with providing services to students in need of a more restrictive, therapeutic setting.



## Non-Public Budget – Average Cost of Tuition

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24
Number of Students Served	203	229	242	247
Total Expenditures	\$7,318,150	\$7,318,777	\$9,179,157	\$10,687,534
Average Tuition per Student	\$36,050	\$31,960	\$37,930	<b>\$43,269</b>

# Cost Efficiency of IDC

Local Non-Public Schools	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Average Non-Public Tuition	<b>\$43,269</b>	TBD	TBD
Arrow Riverside	\$45,503	\$51,059	TBD
High Road	\$39,678	\$41,020	TBD
<b>SESI In District Classroom</b>			<b>\$36,504</b>

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***Request BOE approval to contract with SESI to provide Special Education programming for 18 elementary and middle school aged students with intense behavioral needs in two, In-District Classrooms located at the Swan Creek School.***

- **Funds will be reallocated from the existing non-public budget.**
- **The contract term is valid through June 30, 2026.**
- **This procurement is considered a single source based on the Superintendent's exemption.**



  
**Specialized Education**  
SERVICES, INC.