

Hampton Elementary School

Special Education

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ESSER Special Education Recovery Activities Grant Update:

Great news! HES was approved for both ESSER special education grants with a total of \$55,000 to support our Special Education team in addressing student supports and services needed to remediate skills and/or address the lack of progress due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, with the money available, we are working together to implement our planned proposed goals with this allocation of funds. Specifically, we will be using this money to conduct/complete evaluations that were unable to be completed due to social distancing and masking requirements; increase capacity for qualified staff to deliver specialized instruction or related services, paraprofessional salaries for students who required additional support due to the pandemic, and contracting services for providing IEP services to remediate skills lost during COVID-19.

Connecticut Special Education Data System (CT-SEDS):

The Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education (BSE), is planning to implement a new Individualized Education Program (IEP) document and the Special Education Data System (CT-SEDS) in the 2022-23 school year.

In September, 2020, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) entered into a partnership with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to design, develop, and implement CT-SEDS. CT-SEDS is a single, statewide, Web-based special education data management system that is designed to:

- Support the development of a new, adaptive individualized education program (IEP) document that is compliant and of high quality;

- Reduce the current local data reporting burdens, eliminating the need for any local data uploading or collection (SEDAC, Evaluation Timelines, ECO, and Restraint/Seclusion);
- Consolidate the timely collection and accurate reporting of student data and information;
- Provide a document repository and facilitate timely record transfers;
- Ensure differentiated secure access to student data including a parent/guardian portal;
- Allow for the interoperability with existing state and local data systems and other authorized vendor programs; and
- Provide for the creation of student and aggregate reports for multiple user levels including teacher, school, district, and CSDE.

Hampton Elementary School Special Education Team is in the process of preparing for the change in data system. The new system will be “live” by July 1, 2022. This will require our team to do the following prior to the end of the school year:

- Be trained in the new IEP document (2 day training).
- Ensure all current records are accurate and complete.
- Upload all IEP Documents into Zip Files for each student before the last day of school.
- Communicate and educate all HES staff and parents about the new system and new IEP document.

More information on CT-SEDS can be found on the CT SDE website with the following link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/New-IEP/New-IEP-CT-SEDS>