

Excel Academy
Special Education Department

2023-2024





The Team

23/24 Excel Sped Team

Instructional Team

5 Mild/Moderate Case Managers (*1 vacancy)
2 Moderate/Severe Case Managers
1 Dual Credentialed Case Manager
1 Paraprofessional (vacancy)

Specialist Team

2 School Psychologists
3 Speech and Language Pathologists
1 Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant
1 Occupational Therapist

Support Staff:

1 SpEd Compliance & Vendor Specialist

Leadership Team

Program Specialist
Department Coordinator
Director





Current Students

Student Demographics

176* Students w/ IEPs

*8 new enrollments pending

*5 initial evaluations pending

Maintaining approximate 11% annual schoolwide disability identification rate.

Diagnostic Placements utilized for new students with a history of highly supportive programs or gaps in school attendance.

Current Primary disabilities:

1. Specific Learning Disability (35%)
2. Autism (22%)
3. Speech or Language Impairment (21%)
4. Other Health Impairment (17%)
 - a. ADHD most common
5. Emotional Disturbance & Intellectual Disability (5% combined)

100

Elementary Students
(Grades TK-6)

76

Secondary Students
(Grades 7-13+)

114

Students w/ Internal Speech
& Language Services

24

Students w/ Internal
Occupational Therapy
services

25

Students w/ Internal
Individual Counseling
and/or
Behavior Support services



What's New?

23/24 Program Improvements

Gen Ed Group Offerings

Speech Improvement Group
(Elementary, Articulation Focus)
- internal referral process, extension of intervention offerings

Social Communication Group
(HS Students) - open referral (staff, student or parent)

IEP Counseling and OT services now internal!

SAI Small Groups

22 independent groups

7-9 students per group max

*Mild-Mod CMs teach at least 3 groups weekly

*Many students now supported by multiple teachers

New Groups 23/24:

Mod-Severe (Primary & Secondary)

*big leap forward in providing our students with most intensive needs with peer exposure in a group instructional setting

*allows our Mod-Severe teaching team to share students and collaborate on program supports



23/24 Professional Development

Internal Trainings

- ★ SpEd/GenEd Mini Collab Workshops (All Staff)
 - [SpEd Eligibility 101](#)
 - [IEP Goals - What is the Focus?](#)
 - [LRE - What Does it Mean?](#)
 - [IEP Feedback Form - How and Why?](#)
 - [Understanding Accommodations](#)
 - [Developmental Stages of Speech](#)
- ★ IEP Writing Training Refresher - all SpEd
- ★ Admin Designee Training - Specialists & Leadership
- ★ Generation Genius (Math resource) - CM Team

Ongoing Supports

- ★ Professional Learning Community (PLC) Meetings
 - Bi-Monthly, Whole Group
 - One Agenda driven, one CM led
 - Goals: Building CM relationships, sharing resources and providing info

PD & Conference Participation

- ★ SSC Local Allocation Policy Webinar
- ★ GoalBook: Sustaining and Retaining Special Educators
- ★ CSDC Conference, Anaheim
- ★ AALRR Legal Update series
- ★ ACSA Every Child Counts Symposium
- ★ Deep Dive into Prior Written Notice Webinar series
- ★ CCSA Conference
- ★ Diagnostic Center trainings:
 - Executive Functioning
 - Social-Emotional Learning
- ★ California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) Spring Institute

Legal Filings & Updates

**STILL ALL
CLEAR!**

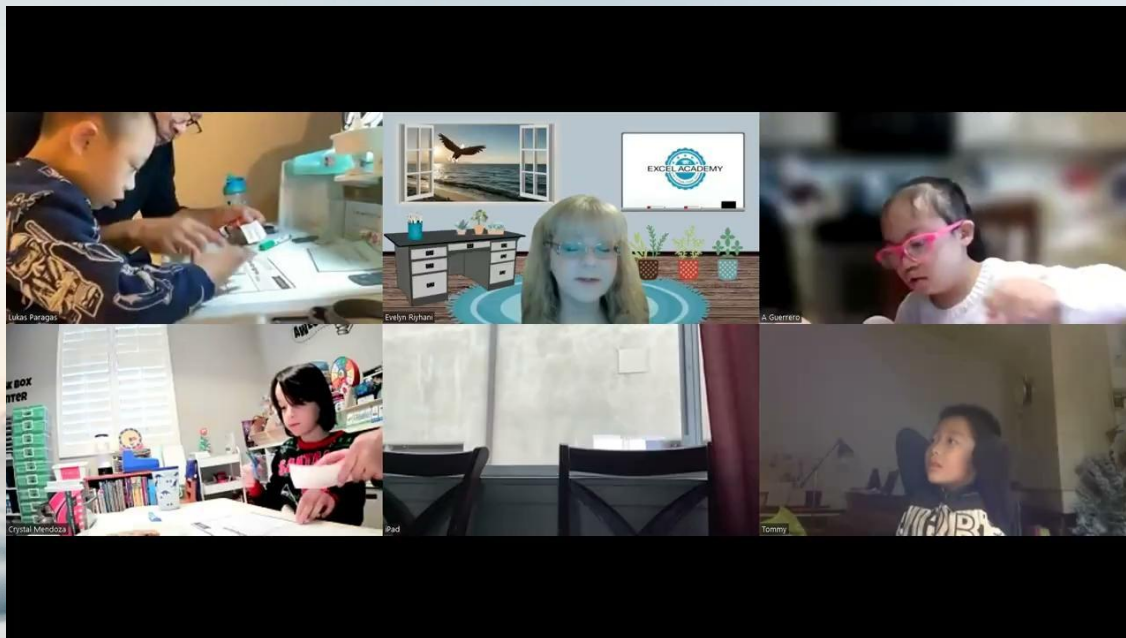


- No Due Process Filings (initiated or received) since Fall 2021
- No Independent Educational Evaluation (“IEE”) Requests since Spring 2021



SPED Group Instruction Clip

Moderate-Severe Primary Group



Q&A

