

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

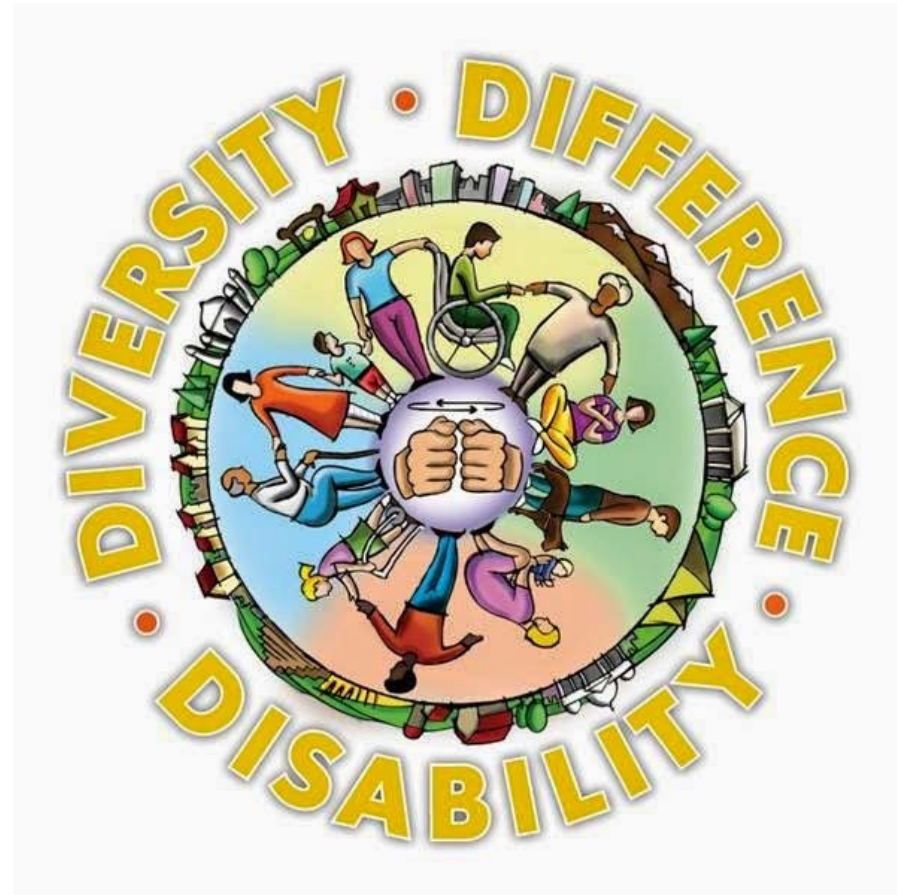
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SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING SCITUATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- **Special Education Student Statistics**
- **Out of District Placements**
- **Entitlement Grants: 240 and 262**
- **Proportionate Share**
- **Circuit Breaker**



SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

October 1, 2023 count: enrolled 514 Students with Disabilities (18.5%)

State rate is 20.2%

MARCH 2024: 547 Special Ed Students; includes 29 (+ 3 pending) Out of District; 2 home-schooled and 13 privately placed

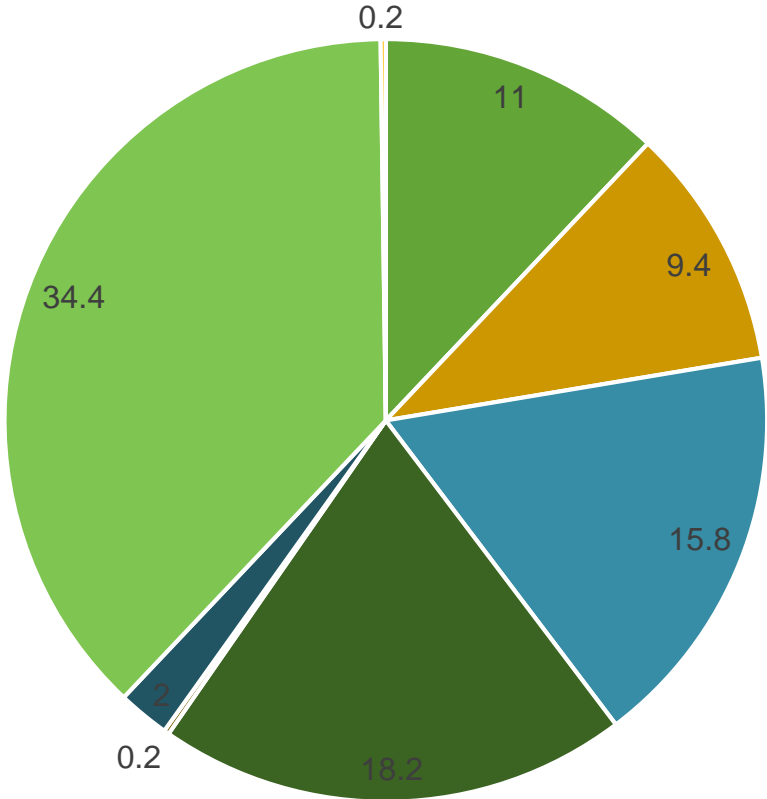
MARCH 2023: 532 STUDENTS; includes 33 Out of District; 18 other: 3 home-schooled; 15 parentally placed



Learning Knows No Bounds

IN DISTRICT STUDENTS

DISABILITY TYPE



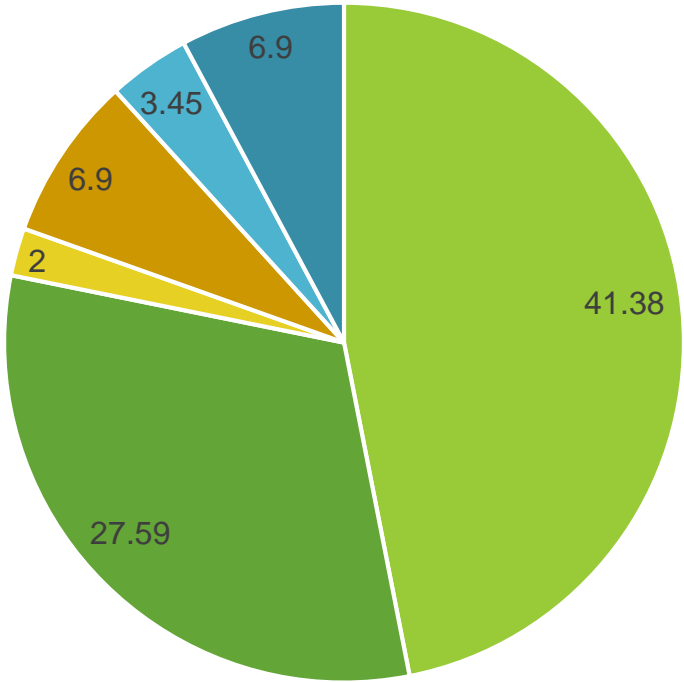
- Autism
- Health
- Learning Disability

- Communication
- Sensory/Deaf/Vision
- Multiple

- Dev Delay
- Intellectual
- Neurological

Out of District Students

Disability Type



■ Autism ■ Emotional ■ Health ■ Intellectual ■ SLD ■ Multiple ■ Neurological

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

- **Town/ State Funding**
- **Entitlement Grants 240 and 262**
- **Other grants**

- **Circuit Breaker Reimbursement**
- **Non-resident tuition (8 students this year: \$324,383)**

- **Needs: Salaries, contracted services, supplies, training, OOD tuition, testing and transportation**

- **Proportionate Share Requirements**



FY24 FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT GRANTS

- **Grant 240** (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA])
\$744,349

Funds 3 paraprofessionals, training; partial salary of SISPs

Independent evaluations; supplies for testing and instruction

Contracted services such as PT, OG teacher at Inly School (Proportionate Share)

Out of district \$164,000 (tuitions) and \$360,000 (transportation)

- **Grant 262** (Early Childhood Special Education) \$21,751

Funds partial salary of one paraprofessional; supplies

- **Grant 274** (Special Ed New IEP Training) \$23,614



PROPORTIONATE SHARE

- ✓ Requirement to spend a proportion of our federal funding on non-publicly funded special education students
- ✓ Home schooled and those attending private schools in Scituate (Inly School)
- ✓ Includes non-resident students

- ✓ Consultation with the private school

(FY23 Proportionate Share (11/542 students)

FY24 Proportionate share (23/493 students) = \$33,123.55 (4.45%)



- ✓ We generally offer related services (Speech and language, counselling etc.)
- ✓ Fund OG teacher at Inly
- ✓ Purchase supplies, therapeutic materials for students on IEPs

Not allowed to fund evaluations

CIRCUIT BREAKER REIMBURSEMENT

Based on minimum of 4x Foundation budget
69-75% of the remainder

Student's tuition cost \$100,000

-\$51,521 (4x Foundation)

\$48,479 x .75

=\$36,359.25



Can claim for in district services and transportation

Funding awarded in September (FY25) based on previous fiscal year (FY24); typically used the following year (FY26).

CIRCUIT BREAKER FUNDING

Fiscal Year	# of Students	Eligible Expenses	Threshold	Net Claim above Threshold	Reimbursement Percentage	Total Reimbursement
<i>Example</i>	5	\$1,000,000	\$700,000	\$300,000	75%	\$225,000
2024	34	\$ 4,408,593	\$ 1,658,049	\$ 2,750,544	75% Instruction 59% Transportation	\$ 1,957,148
2023	29	\$ 3,770,444	\$ 1,349,846	\$ 2,420,601	75% Instruction 75% Transportation	\$ 1,816,046
2022	31	\$ 3,719,248	\$ 1,471,176	\$ 2,248,811	75% Instruction 75% Transportation	\$ 1,686,615
2021	30	\$ 2,933,129	\$ 1,450,560	\$ 1,482,569	75% Instruction	\$ 1,130,480
2020	29	\$ 2,934,449	\$ 1,327,968	\$ 1,606,481	75% Instruction	\$ 1,205,727
2019	33	\$ 2,865,687	\$ 1,455,498	\$ 1,410,189	75% Instruction	\$ 1,063,019

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