DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Louisiana Believes

Special Education Program Description Template

Overview:

Per the SPLC Agreement, LEAs are required to provide information about their special education programming that is publicly available and accessible online. To facilitate this information sharing, LEAs shall complete and submit the following template to nolasped@la.gov, and the Department will host the information online.

Template Directions:

- **Section A**: Please provide your LEA's overall description/approach/philosophy to special education. Please limit the response to 200 words.
- **Section B**: Provide name and contact information for the school and CMO network special education leaders (if applicable).
- **Section C**: These data are required per the Agreement. The Department will fill in this information after submission from the LEA.

Section D:

- Appraisal/Evaluation: Please complete this section by providing titles/qualifications of staff (not names) in these roles, and examples of interventions, meetings, parent engagements, and decisions that may eventually result in a student's evaluation and identification.
- Related Services Provision and Staffing: Please provide the number of staff (in terms of FTE) currently providing instruction or services to students with IEPs. If a specific service is not being provided because it is not required by any particular students at this time, please provide a description of how the school might seek out services if they become necessary for a student. Please also note any facility and service accommodations for student mobility. Please also note the method of specialized transportation that may be available to students and any examples of assistive technology that support students.

• Section E:

- School-based supports (in-school): For each grade level group and in-school setting, please provide a short description of staffing, curriculum, and intervention supports. Please also note how students may be identified for extended year services and what supports they receive, and any in-school specialized programming (different from the general, resource, and self-contained descriptions) and what supports they receive.
- Community-based supports (out-of-school): Please name any external partners that your school works with and the services they provide to students. If a student may require instruction or services off-site (examples: special school, therapeutic placement, hospital or homebound setting, juvenile detention facility, etc.) please describe how the school has provided instruction and services to the student in the past, or how the school would provide these services in the future.



A. Description of overall philosophy (200 word limit):

The philosophy of International School of Louisiana Education Services is to provide each student with an individualized program designed to meet the student's needs as an exceptional learner in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The goal is to enable each student to utilize the potential that they possess to become a well-adjusted contributing member of society. We believe that each student, regardless of exceptionality, is entitled to this opportunity in the least restrictive environment.

B. Name and contact information for special educanetwork)	tion coordinator (school and, if applicable,
School Leader of Special Education Programming; Contact Information	Brandon Ferguson (St. Roch Campus), Principal, bferguson@isl-edu.org; 504-934-4875
	Brandon Ferguson (Westbank Campus), Principal, bferguson@isl-edu.org; 504-274-4571
	Laura Adelman-Cannon (Uptown Campus), Principal, ladelmancannon@isl-edu.org; 504-654-1088
CMO Leader of Special Education Programming; Contact Information (if different)	Melanie Tennyson, Head of School,mtennyson@isl-edu.org; 504-654-1088

C. Data Snapshots	
2024-25 enrollment rate of students with	13.5%
disabilities served by the school	
2023-24 in school and out of school suspension	0.9%
rate of students with disabilities served by the	
school	
2023-24 number of students with disabilities who	< 10
are removed for disciplinary reasons for more than	
10 school days in one academic year	

D. Description of how pup school	il appraisal, special education, and related services are provided by the
	Appraisal/Evaluation
Main point of contact if a parent would like to request an evaluation	Brandon Ferguson (St. Roch Campus), Principal, bferguson@isl-edu.org; 504-934-4875 Brandon Ferguson (Westbank Campus), Associate Principal, bferguson@isl-edu.org; 504-274-4571 Laura Adelman-Cannon (Uptown Campus), Principal, ladelmancannon@isl-edu.org; 504-654-1088



Response to Intervention	Examples of universal screeners: Acadience DSC BASC-2		
Overview	·		
Overview	Examples of reading interventions: Wilson Reading		
	Examples of math interventions: Envision Math		
	Examples of behavior interventions: FBA, BIP, individualized counseling		
	treatment plan		
School Building Level	Members of the SBLC team: principal, teachers, SLP, social worker, parents,		
Committee (SBLC)	other situationally appropriate personnel, etc.		
	Example engagements with parents:		
	Parents are invited to and encouraged to attend SBLC meetings, parents are		
	required to give written permission for child to be screened/evaluated.		
	Example decisions SBLC team can make:		
	1. No further action 2. Continue current interventions and progress monitoring		
	via MTSS process 3. Conduct additional interventions via MTSS 4. Refer student		
	for 504 evaluation (dyslexia screening, review student records for possible		
	ADHD classification) 5. Refer student for support services (counseling,		
	communication screening, etc.) 6. Refer student for a multidisciplinary		
	evaluation to determine if an exceptionality is present.		
Appraisal Team	Members of appraisal team: general education teachers, parents, SLP, nurse,		
	educational diagnostician (consultant), psychologist (consultant), PT, OT, social		
	worker, other appropriate professionals as necessary		
	Example engagements with parents: Parents are invited to and encouraged to		
	attend all meetings regarding their child. Parents are notified of and must		
	approve evaluation prior to the initiation of the process. Parents are		
	interviewed as part of the evaluation process. Parents are provided with a copy		
	of Louisiana Educational Rights of Exceptional Children.		
	Example decisions appraisal team can make: recommendation for counseling,		
	MTSS Tier 3 - Intensive Individualized Interventions, Comprehensive		
	Multidisciplinary Evaluation		
	structional and Related Services Provision and Staffing		
Specialized Instruction	# Special Education Teachers: 7		
	# Paraprofessionals: 5		
	# Academic Interventionists: 3		
	Examples of curricula: Wilson Reading		
Speech/language	# On staff or contracted from external provider: 3		
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: NA		
Audiology	# On staff or contracted from external provider: Contracted service		
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to		
	be contracted with outside agency as needed.		
Counseling (mental	# On staff or contracted from external provider: 3, additional contracted		
health and other	counseling services as needed.		
therapies)	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: NA		
Occupational therapy	# On staff or contracted from external provider: Contracted service		
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to		
	be contracted with outside agency as needed.		
Physical therapy	# On staff or contracted from external provider: Contracted service		
, 5.00. 00. 0.01	in the time of the second seco		



	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to be contracted with outside agency as needed.	
Health/Nursing services	# On staff or contracted from external provider: 3 full time nurses	
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: NA	
Orientation and mobility	Describe accessibility accommodations are available to students:	
services and accessibility	First floor wheel chair access. Age of buildings is a factor. Grandfathered by	
(including interpreting	ADA. Interpreting services for Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Mandarin available	
services)	on demand, other languages provided as needed by contracted interpreter.	
,	# On staff or contracted from external provider:	
	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to	
	be contracted with outside agency as needed.	
Adaptive physical	# On staff or contracted from external provider: Contracted service	
education	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to	
	be contracted with outside agency as needed.	
Specialized	Methods of transportation: none	
Transportation	If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: Services to	
	be provided with outside agency as needed.	
Assistive Technology	Examples of supports: Voice-to-text, adaptive pencil grips, large print	

			provide the continuum of spec of the regular education setting	
	,		based Supports (in-school)	•
	Description of within Inclusion	Supports	Description of Supports within Resource	Description of Supports within Self-Contained
PK – 5	Speech/language inclusion, human reader, counseling, contracted OT and PT services, assistive technology, push-in instruction from special education teacher		One-to-one instruction, small group instruction, speech/language individual and small group services, individual and group counseling, OT and PT services	NA
6-8	Speech/language inclusion, human reader, counseling, contracted OT and PT services, assistive technology, push-in instruction from special education teacher		One-to-one instruction, small group instruction, speech/language individual and small group services, individual and group counseling, OT and PT services	NA
9/T9 – 12	NA		NA	NA
school year services: disability categor		Any child receiving special educatory, may be eligible to receive Ext Preceive Ext	ended School Year (ESY)	



receive FAPE. The IEP team members should discuss the following factors when
they are considering ESY services:
Regression and Recoupment of Targeted Skills
Degree of Progress
Emerging Skills and Breakthrough Opportunities Interfering Behaviors Nature and/or Severity of the Disability Special Circumstances or Other Factors
Delivery: ESY services may be delivered through a variety of settings and
methods, examples of which might include classroom instruction, a parent-
guided home program with progress periodically monitored by the teacher,
and/or consultative or supervisory support from staff members within community settings.
Criteria for participation: IEP team determinations
Delivery: combination of school staff, community-based supports, and
contracted service providers, as needed
Community-based Supports (out-of-school)
Partner and services provided: Therapeutic Learning Center (physical
therapy), Education Project Management, Lumiere Consulting (pupil
appraisal), High Level Speech and Hearing Center (audiology), Lighthouse
Louisiana (instruction and support for visually impaired students),
Milestones Mental Health Agency (counseling).
Methods of instruction and service delivery: Homebound instruction and
supports for those who require an alternative placement, special school,
hospital, therapeutic setting or juvenile justice detention using staff or
The second of th
contracted services when appropriate.
contracted services when appropriate.