

**A. Description of overall philosophy (200 word limit):**  
 New Orleans College Prep special education programs adhere to the philosophy that all students are entitled to the individualized supports necessary to maximize his/her potential. We empower teachers and students to achieve excellence in all aspects of our scholar’s’ social, emotional, behavioral and academic lives. We work diligently to provide quality pk-12 education that prepares all students to enter and excel in rigorous, post-secondary outcomes.

Through collaborative efforts with staff, families and community partners, we are committed to the following:

- Acknowledging the needs of diverse learners through inclusive practices and specialized instruction
- Implementing evidence-based practices and instruction as outlined on Individualized Education Programs (IEP’s)
- Encouraging students to advocate for their support needs.
- Creating a safe climate for student learning and development.
- Collaborating with community supports to improve and increase parent/family-school involvement.
- Ensuring legal and ethical guidelines for special education services are implemented with fidelity

<b>B. Name and contact information for special education coordinator (school and, if applicable, network)</b>	
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<b>C. Data Snapshots</b>	
2015-16 enrollment rate of students with disabilities served by the school	10.2%
2014-15 in school and out of school suspension rate of students with disabilities served by the school	10.4%
2014-15 number of students with disabilities who are removed for disciplinary reasons for more than 10 school days in one academic year	0

<b>D. Description of how pupil appraisal, special education, and related services are provided by the school</b>	
<i>Appraisal/Evaluation</i>	
Main point of contact if a parent would like to request an evaluation	Certified School Psychologist

<p>Response to Intervention Overview</p>	<p>Response to Intervention (RTI) is a multi-system approach which helps identify and support students with learning and behavior needs.</p> <p>The RTI process begins with <b>high-quality instruction and screening</b> of all scholars in the general education classroom. RTI seeks to prevent academic failure through early intervention, frequent progress measurement, and increasingly intensive research-based instructional and behavioral interventions for children who continue to have difficulty. These services are often provided by a variety of personnel, including regular classroom teachers, para-educators, interventionists, special educators, and others. The goal is to keep scholars in the least restrictive environments in which they are able to learn.</p> <p><b>II. RTI Program Mission &amp; Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Our mission, as an RTI team, is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasize accountability by making sure all Rtl processes are transparent</li> <li>• Provide specific evidence based intervention resources and strategies to teachers whose students are struggling academically and behaviorally</li> <li>• Advocate for each student by informing data-based decisions that are embedded in a rich context about the student's strengths and support needs</li> <li>• RTI systems are currently being revamped, with the support of TIERS through their contract with the LDOE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples of universal screeners:</b>                  Strategic Teaching and Evaluation of Progress (STEP)                  Measures of Academic Progress                  Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)                  Fountas and Pinnell                  Schoolrunner Behavior Data</p> <p><b>Examples of reading interventions:</b>                  Hybridge by Compass Learning                  Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI)                  Great Leaps                  Achieve 3000</p> <p><b>Examples of math interventions:</b>                  Hybridge by Compass Learning</p> <p><b>Examples of behavior interventions:</b>                  School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports                  Check-In/Check-Out</p>
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	<p>Individual and Group Counseling                  Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)                  Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP)</p>
<p>School Building Level Committee (SBLC)</p>	<p><b>Members of the SBLC team:</b>                  Pupil Appraisal Member (e.g., school psychologist, educational diagnostician, etc.)                  School Principal                  Classroom teacher                  RTI Coordinator                  Speech therapist (as needed)</p> <p><b>Example engagements with parents:</b>                  Review screening and/or intervention data                  Discuss sufficient/insufficient progress                  Review teacher/parent referrals</p> <p>NOCP encourages parent attendance and participation in all meetings, and does so through written parent invitations, phone calls, texts, etc.</p> <p>Parental permission is obtained for any screenings and/or evaluations, where permission is required.</p> <p>Per Louisiana Bulletin 1508, parent permission is not required prior to reviewing existing data as part of an evaluation or a reevaluation or administering a test or other evaluation that is administered to all students unless, before administration of that test or evaluation, consent is required of parents of all students.</p> <p><b>Example decisions SBLC team can make:</b>                  Further action is not required at this time.                  Continue current intervention(s) and progress monitor through the RtI process.                  Conduct additional intervention(s) through the RtI process.                  Refer the student to the appropriate committee to conduct a 504 evaluation/plan.                  Refer the student to Pupil Appraisal for support services.                  Refer the student to Pupil Appraisal for an evaluation.</p>
<p>Appraisal Team</p>	<p><b>Members of appraisal team:</b>                  Pupil Appraisal Member (s) (e.g., school psychologist, educational diagnostician, etc.)                  General Education Teacher                  Other contracted personnel/staff members, as needed (e.g., OT, PT, speech, APE, School Social Worker)</p> <p><b>Example engagements with parents:</b>                  SBLC Meetings                  IEP Meetings</p>

	<p>Eligibility Determination Meetings Family Interviews</p> <p><b>Following a comprehensive evaluation and staffing, an appraisal team can determine:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student may be classified with an exceptionality, as outlined in Louisiana Bulletin 1508. The educational needs of the student are identified in the evaluation and special education services may be recommended. If parents accept services, educational needs will be documented on the IEP.</li> <li>2. The student may not be classified with an exceptionality under IDEA. The student may then be referred back to the SBLC for consideration of other potential services (e.g., Section 504 Accommodation Plan, tiered academic and/or behavioral supports).</li> </ol>
<i>Instructional and Related Services Provision and Staffing</i>	
Specialized Instruction	<p><b># Special Education Teachers: 5</b> <b># Paraprofessionals: 5</b> <b># Academic Interventionists: 1</b></p> <p><b>Examples of curricula</b> Eureka Math Unique Curriculum Leveled Literacy Intervention</p>
Speech/language	1 FTE speech therapist
Audiology	One contracted Audiologist (NOCP), if needed.
Counseling (mental health and other therapies)	1 Qualified School Social Worker
Occupational therapy	One contracted Occupational Therapist
Physical therapy	One contracted Physical Therapist
Health/Nursing services	One full-time school nurse
Orientation and mobility services and accessibility (including interpreting services)	<p>Describe accessibility accommodations that are available to students: Students are provided with any accessibility accommodations outlined on IEP's (e.g., paper-based testing, word processors, etc.) One contracted interpreter provides translation services for NOCP, as needed.</p> <p><b>School Accessibility:</b> -All restrooms are fully accessible -Classrooms on the first floor are fully accessible -Street and sidewalks are accessible from the front entry and bus drop point. We recently completed a two million dollar FEMA funded renovation of SWCP to ensure that all restroom/classroom/common spaces were in compliance with ADA regulations. In the past, given the constraints of our building (no elevator), we've offered differentiated special assistance to students based on their individual need.</p> <p><b>If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:</b> If orientation and mobility services are needed, they will be provided by our</p>

	current contractor, Lighthouse for the Blind.
Adaptive physical education	<b># On staff or contracted from external provider:</b> One contracted APE instructor.
Specialized Transportation	<b>Methods of transportation:</b> School bus and van (contracted services)
Assistive Technology	<b>Examples of supports:</b> If needed, NOCP has an assistive technology contractor, who provides services for students who require significant AT devices as part of their Individualized Education Program. In addition, when needed, we consult with the Louisiana Assistive Technology Institute (LATI) to sample new devices and receive best practices instruction around implementation.

<b>E. Description of how the school plans to provide the continuum of special education placements for students whose IEP placement is outside of the regular education setting</b>			
<i>School-based Supports (in-school)</i>			
	Description of Supports within Inclusion	Description of Supports within Resource	Description of Supports within Self-Contained
PK – 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion support in the general education classroom.</li> <li>- Students receive support in a small group from a special education teacher or paraeducator.</li> <li>- Accommodations, behavior support and IEP goal tracking are provided and support access to the general education curriculum.</li> <li>- Accommodations may include, but are not limited to: weighted lap pads, slant boards, calculator, behavior chart tracking or manipulatives.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specialized instruction in a resource setting with a special education teachers, and paraeducator support.</li> <li>- Special education teachers modify general education lesson plans or create unique lesson plans to support IEP goal instruction and data tracking.</li> <li>- Accommodations and modifications may include, but are not limited to: text-to-speech software, word processors.</li> <li>- Students may also receive support around social skill development, sensory-based learning and communication- in partnership with related service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specialized instruction in a self-contained setting with special education teachers and paraeducator support.</li> <li>- Students who take the LAA1 assessment receive instruction aligned to Louisiana’s Extended Standards.</li> <li>- Teachers provide interventions and instruction around student IEP goals; behavior and/or academic IEP goal tracking occurs daily.</li> <li>- Accommodations and modifications may include, but are not limited to: visual schedules, communication devices, token economies and sensory-based activities.</li> </ul>

		providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration with related service providers (e.g., OT, PT, social worker) often occurs in the classroom to meet student needs around IEP goals.</li> <li>- Example curriculums include Rethink and Unique Curriculum.</li> </ul>
9/T9 – 12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Description of extended school year services:	<p><b>Identification:</b> Teachers receive Extended School Year training each school year. All ESY decisions are data-based and meet the requirements specified in Bulletin 1530, Section 705 (e.g., Regression-Recoupment, Critical Point of Instruction, and Special Circumstances) for ESY services. ESY timelines are set early enough in quarter 4, to allow the development of an ESY IEP, with parent participation.</p> <p><b>Delivery:</b> If ESY services are required, our network will have two sites: PK-8 and 9-12. Services would coincide with other summer school programming taking place at each site, with certified special education teachers delivering IEP minutes and instruction</p>		
Description of specialized program(s):	<p>Students who need support outside of what is provided in the self-contained setting are reviewed on an individualized basis by the IEP team. After reviewing, the team problem-solves to determine the best programming and setting to meet at student’s needs. Unique ways in which we’ve provided additional support in the past include, but are not limited to 1:1 paraeducators, modified schedules, the addition of assistive technology devices (e.g., voice output device, text-to-speech software), adding related services (e.g., social work services, speech therapy, etc.).</p> <p>Homebound services are provided when that setting best meets the needs of the student.</p> <p>In addition, NOCP has a partnership with the New Orleans Therapeutic Day Treatment Program.</p>		
<i>Community-based Supports (out-of-school)</i>			
Key Partnerships	<p><b>Partner and services provided:</b>                  100 Black Men (mentoring)                  Project Direct with Tulane University (family resources and FBA/BIP support)                  Adopt-A-Family (uniform resources)                  Second Harvest Backpack Program (support for families)</p>		
Other out-of-school instruction and supports	<p><b>Methods of instruction and service delivery:</b>  <b>Homebound:</b> When required by a student’s IEP, special education</p>		

<p>(e.g. special school, therapeutic placement, hospital or homebound setting, juvenile detention facility, etc)</p>	<p>instruction is provided in the community setting by a certified special education teacher.</p> <p><b>If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:</b> If a student required placement in an alternative setting (e.g., hospital, therapeutic setting, special school, juvenile detention facility), NOCP will collaborate with the parent and individuals from the alternative setting to determine the most effective and efficient way to provide services outlined on the IEP to the student.</p>
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