

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
Township of Union Public Schools
M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

TO: Pat Ditri
FROM: Jason Killian 
RE: Board Agenda
DATE: 08-07-2013

The committee recommends and I so move that the board approve the establishment of an Autism program (age range 7-10 years old) at Connecticut Farms Elementary School effective September 9, 2013 in accordance with the information in the hands of each board member.

New Jersey State Department of Education
Union County Office of Education

Request to Establish or Eliminate a Special Education Program or Service

Complete **both** pages of this form and send to the county office of education for review and approval. **It is not necessary to complete this form to continue an existing program, unless the building location of the program is being changed in which case 2 forms are needed (one to eliminate in one building and one to establish in another building.)**

District: Twp. of Union

School: Connecticut Farms

Date:08-07-2013

Check One: Establish a Program/Service

Eliminate a Program/Service

Check Type of Program:

Preschool/Elementary Resource Program:

- Pull-out supplementary
- Pull-out support
- Pull-out replacement
- In-class supplementary
- In-class support
- In-class replacement

Secondary Resource Program¹:

- Pull-out supplementary
- Pull-out support
- Pull-out replacement
- In-class supplementary
- In-class support
- In-class replacement

Elementary Special Class Program: (not K)

- Auditory Impairments
- Autism
- Behavioral Disabilities
- Cognitive Impairments, mild
- Cognitive Impairments, moderate
- Cognitive Impairments, severe
- Learning/ Language Disabilities, mild/moderate
- Learning/ Language Disabilities, severe
- Multiple Disabilities
- Preschool Disabilities
- Visual Impairments

Secondary Special Class Program²:

- Auditory Impairments
- Autism
- Behavioral Disabilities
- Cognitive Impairments, mild
- Cognitive Impairments, moderate
- Cognitive Impairments, severe
- Learning/ Language Disabilities, mild/moderate
- Learning/ Language Disabilities, severe
- Multiple Disabilities
- Visual Impairments
- Secondary Special Class (taught by general education teacher)

Extended School Year Program

Other program/service, please specify: _____

Note: Each newly proposed resource program, special class program and service must be located in a space that has been approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Forms for standard use are available in the county office. Facility approval must be obtained before approval of the request to establish a new program can be granted.

¹ Secondary resource programs are located in schools that contain any combination of grades 6 through 12, where the organizational structure is departmentalized for general education students.

² Secondary special class programs are located in schools that contain any combination of grades 6 through 12, where the organizational structure is departmentalized for general education students.

On a separate page, describe your request based on the following corresponding criteria/questions. Please check your forms for accuracy. Errors may result in denial and return for corrections.

To Establish a New Program/Service

1. Document the unmet student needs that will be addressed by the proposed program.
2. Describe the proposed program and explain how it will meet student needs:
 - a. Identify the **age range** and number of students to be served.
 - b. How will the Core Curriculum Content Standards be addressed?
 - c. How does this program address least restrictive environment?
 - d. What opportunities will be available for interaction with non-disabled peers?
 - e. State the number of professional and paraprofessional staff. For paraprofessional staff submit the locally developed job description and standards for approval (N.J.A.C. 6:11-4.6(c)).

To Eliminate a Program/Service

1. Provide a rationale for eliminating the program/service.
2. If the elimination of the special education program/service will result in a change to one or more students' current IEP(s), describe how the students' needs will be met. Indicate whether all IEP's of affected students have been amended with agreement of the student's parent(s).

I assure that the attached proposal to establish a new program/service is in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:14, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A:26, Educational Facilities. (Attach the Board Resolution approving the establishment of the new program.)

Board Approval Date: _____ **Signed:** _____
(Chief School Administrator)

I assure that any change in a student's program/placement necessitated by eliminating the special education program/service described in the attached proposal will be implemented in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14, Special Education. (Attach the Board Resolution approving the elimination of the program/service.)

Board Approval Date: _____ **Signed:** _____
(Chief School Administrator)

Approved _____ Denied _____ Comments _____
Signed: _____ Date _____
(County Supervisor of Child Study)

Connecticut Farms Elementary School
(Autism)

- 1) The students IEPs will be reflective of the program placements. Their goals and objectives will be addressed in a less restrictive environment with proper supports and related services by providing an Autism program (age range 7-10 years old) in Connecticut Farms Elementary School. Therefore, there are no unmet student needs.

- 2)
 - a. The class will have a maximum of 6 classified students. The age range is 7-10 years old.
 - b. The Core Curriculum Content Standards (Common Core Standards) are addressed through instruction with the district adopted curriculum.
 - c. Establishment of this class allows students to remain in programs that are least restrictive in district.
 - d. This class, per students' IEPs, will provide the opportunity for students to interact with non-disabled peers because there are general education students in the building
 - e. One certified special education teacher is needed per class. One certified special education teacher and a paraprofessional is needed with a class size of four to six students.

PARA PROFESSIONAL

QUALIFICATION:

1. High School diploma required.
2. Para Professional Assessment certification or 60 College credits preferred
3. Successful experience working with children
4. Knowledge of child growth and development and appropriate classroom practices
5. Good oral and written communication skills
6. Required criminal history background check and proof of US citizenship or legal resident alien status

REPORTS TO:

Principal/Classroom Teacher

SUPERVISES:

Assists in the supervision of classroom activities under the direction and supervision of the certified classroom teacher, principal or other designated certified personnel.

JOB GOAL:

To promote the achievement of students' educational goals and learning objectives by providing supplemental and clerical services to assist the classroom teacher.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the classroom teacher in the delivery of an effective instructional program.
2. Works with individual students or small groups of students to reinforce learning of material or skills introduced by the teacher.
3. Operates and cares for equipment used in the classroom for instructional purposes.
4. Helps student's master equipment or instructional materials assigned by the teacher.
5. Distributes and collects workbook, papers, and other materials for instruction.
6. Guides independent study, enrichment work, and remedial work assigned by the teacher.
7. Assists with the supervision of students during emergency drills, assemblies, play periods, and field trips.
8. Helps the teacher to plan and maintain bulletin boards and other classroom learning displays.
9. Read to students, listens to students read, and participates in other forms of oral communication with students.

10. Checks notebooks, corrects papers, and supervises testing and make-up work, as assigned by the teacher.
11. Performs clerical duties related to the instructional program including attendance reports, collection of money, duplication of material, and distribution and return of notices to home.
12. Helps very young students with their clothing, snack time routine, and toileting activities.
13. Participates in in-service training as assigned.
14. Performs other related duties as assigned.