

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013-2016



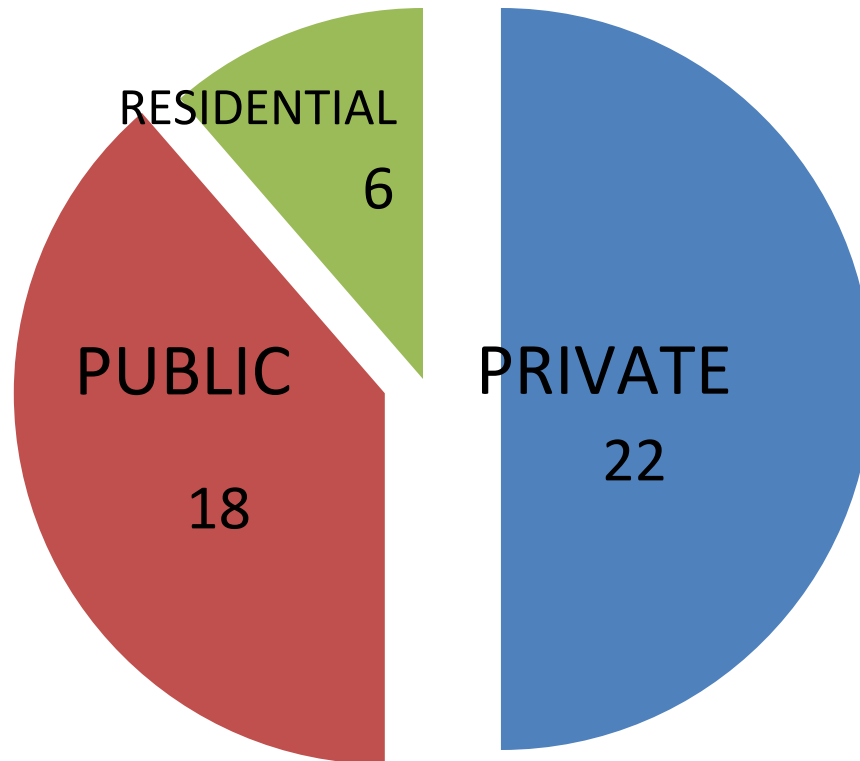
*“All I can say Clinton is amazing. My daughter is on her second year of preschool, and her first year and ½ was in western Massachusetts. Since starting at Clinton Elementary School she has improved so much with everything, even potty trained after two months of starting school. And it's a nice little town with everything close by. Their special ed. staff was just re-trained in 2013 and they're really awesome”
-a happy parent of a Special Education student*

Facts about Special Education

1. Is mandated by **FEDERAL LAW**
2. Is funded by **Federal** and **State** reimbursements to cities and towns, and **local budgets**.
3. Clinton receives some *grant monies* to *partially* fund our special education programs.
4. Clinton has approximately 386 students who have disabilities that require special education services outlined in an Individualized Education Program.
This **does not include** the students who are disabled and not identified as needing special education services. (Section 504)
5. Clinton has approximately 159 students at Clinton Elementary School, 149 students at Clinton Middle School and 78 students at Clinton High School who are disabled and require special education services.

6. Clinton has currently **46** students who are in out of district placements due to their unique learning needs.
7. **18** of these students have been **in out of district placements since 2011**. **15** moved into Clinton in the last two years with **out of district placements already in place that were *appropriate* for their needs**. (They are in their LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT) 13 students have been placed since 2011-2012 school year. These placements are monitored ANNUALLY for progress.
8. In 2014-2015 **we are planning to return 2 students** to the district; and 3 students have moved who are no longer our responsibility in 2014-2015.
9. If the FOCUS program at the high school is developed, we can bring back at least 3 more students, and prevent 2 more from leaving the district.

CLINTON OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS



MOVE IN LAW

- IF A STUDENT IN A PRIVATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT MOVES INTO A SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER APRIL 1ST IN ANY GIVEN SCHOOL YEAR, THE SENDING SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE THROUGH THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. PRIOR TO APRIL 1ST THE SENDING SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE ONLY UNTIL JUNE 30TH OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT MOVES IN.
- IF A STUDENT IS IN A PUBLIC OR COLLABORATIVE PLACEMENT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL BECOMES FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE IMMEDIATELY.

IN DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

UNEXPECTED INFLUENCES ON THE DEPARTMENT SINCE JUNE 2013

PERSONNEL CHALLENGES

**Resignation of Elementary School Team Chair June, 2013 effective August, 2013*

**Occupational Therapist announced Maternity Leave late July, 2013*

**Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant announced surgery late July, 2013*

**Contracted staff questioned by town accountant, August, 2013
Forced reduction in contracted staffing and addition of 1.6 FTE
reading specialists to school district special education staffing line
item*

IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS THAT SAVE US MONEY

DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS (ABA):

CLINTON ELEMENTARY

PRE SCHOOL (8 STUDENTS)

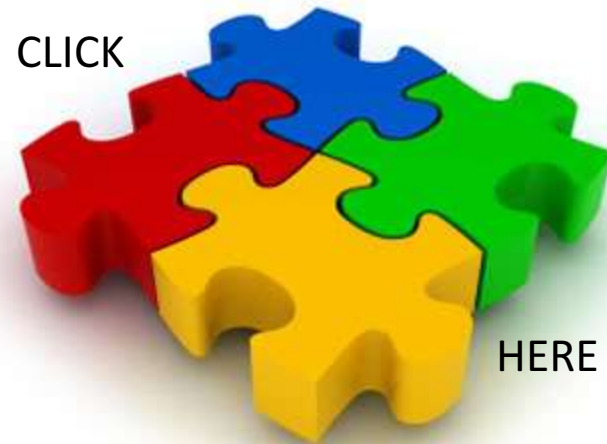
KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE (10 STUDENTS)

**FIRST/SECOND GRADE (2013-2014)
(10 STUDENTS)**

SECOND/THIRD GRADE (2014-2015*)

The majority of these students would be attending the FLLAC ASD programs if we did not have our own classrooms. (Each student we send out to an ASD program costs \$47,183.40 per year.) Pre K and K classrooms are sub separate. 1ST-2ND GRADE are inclusion classrooms.

ABA IN ACTION



HOW MUCH?

PRE SCHOOL ABA CLASS :

8 STUDENTS X \$47,183.40=\$377,467.20

KINDERGARTEN ABA CLASS:

5 STUDENTS X \$47,183.40=\$235,917.00

(5 students would not go to FLLAC)

\$617,384.20 IN 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

WE ANTICIPATE SAVING 3% OVER THAT

(\$18, 401.53) IN 2014-2015- ESTIMATED

FLLAC HAS NOT GIVEN US THEIR NUMBERS YET FOR
2014-2015

FOCUS PROGRAM

- CLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - CURRENTLY HAS 6 STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-3
 - STAFFED BY ONE TEACHER AND ONE AIDE
 - HAS PART TIME SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR
 - SAVES US: 6 STUDENTS X
\$47,772.00=\$305,033.53 IN 2013-2014

FOCUS PROGRAM

- CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
- CURRENTLY HAS 5 STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8
- HAS TEACHER AND TWO AIDES
- ONE STUDENT HAS 1:1 AIDE
- SHARES SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR
- SAVES US: 3 STUDENTS X
 $\$43,313.40 = \$149,940.20$ (TUITION + 1:1)
- 2 STUDENTS X $\$47,772.00 = 95,544.00$
- TOTAL: $\$245,484.20$ IN 2013-2014

FATE PROGRAM

- CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL
- JUNIOR AND SENIOR FATE
- LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 THROUGH AGE 22
- 6 STUDENTS STARTED 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
- 2 WILL GRADUATE
- COST SAVED PER STUDENT: \$47,183.40

STAFFING

**386 IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS DIVIDED BY 27.5 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS=14.04
STUDENTS PER TEACHER**

THE TEACHERS ARE ENHANCED BY 50.5 PARAPROFESSIONALS AND 1FTE SECRETARY.

**THERE ARE 6.3 SPEECH THERAPISTS, 1 FTE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, 1 FTE
CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, 1.2 FTE SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT
COUNSELORS, AND 1 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST EMPLOYED IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

**WE CONTRACT WITH A .4 BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST PHD AND A .75
BEHAVIOR THERAPIST.**

**WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH FLLAC FOR A .2 FTE PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND 1 FTE
PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT AND .2 FTE VISION AND MOBILITY TEACHER.**

**WE ALSO CONTRACT WITH FRENCH RIVER FOR 1 FTE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND
FOR .6 OT SUB AND A .4 OT SUB (SUBS FOR 2013-2014 ONLY)**

CHANGES TO STAFFING 2013-2014

- CES TEAM CHAIR LEFT
- 2 CONTRACTED READING EMPLOYEES LEFT
- OT MATERNITY LEAVE
- COTA SICK LEAVE
- CHANGED CONTRACTED PSYCHOLOGIST LINE ITEM TO EMPLOYEE

- HIRED 2 SPED TEACHERS
- CONVERTED THEM TO 1.6 FTE EMPLOYEES
- USED CONTRACTOR AS SUB OT
- USED CONTRACTOR AS SUB COTA
- HIRED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

CURRENT STAFF

- CLINTON ELEMENTARY
- ABA(ONLY)
 - 1 PRE K
 - 3 PARAS + 2 1:1
 - 1 K TEACHER
 - 3 PARAS + 2 1:1
 - GR 1-2 TEACHER
 - 4 PARAS
 - PRESCHOOL
 - 4.5 PRE K TEACHERS
 - 4.5 PRE K PARAS
- KINDERGARTEN:
 - .6 KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
 - 1 KINDERGARTEN PARA

- GRADE ONE:
 - 1 INCLUSION TEACHER
 - 1 CLASSROOM PARA
 - 2 1:1 PARAS
- GRADE TWO:
 - 1 INCLUSION TEACHER
 - 2 CLASSROOM PARAS
 - 1 1:2
- GRADE THREE:
 - 1 INCLUSION TEACHER
 - 1 PARA
- RESOURCE ROOM 1-3
 - 1 INCLUSION TEACHER
- FOCUS PROGRAM
 - 1 CLASSROOM TEACHER
 - 1 CLASSROOM PARA

CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- TEAM CHAIR
- RR TEACHER 4-5-6
 - 2 PARAS
- RR TEACHER 6-7-8
 - 1 PARA
- INCLUSION PROGRAM
- GR 4 TEACHER/PARA/1:3
- GR 5 TEACHER/PARA/1:2
- GR 6 TEACHER/PARA
- GR 7 TEACHER/PARA/2 -1:1
- GR 8 TEACHER/2 PARA/1:1

- FOCUS PROGRAM
 - ED/BD TEACHER
 - PARA
 - 1:1 PARA

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

- TEAM CHAIR
- INCLUSION
- THREE TEACHERS
 - 5 PARAS
- FATE PROGRAM
- 1 TEACHER
 - 2 PARAS

- RESOURCE ROOM
 - TWO TEACHERS
 - SHARED PARAS WITH INCLUSION

REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR

PART TIME CLERK

- AIDE LIAISONS IN ENSURING PAPERWORK IS FILED IN TIMELY MANNER AND DATA BASE IS ACCURATE

PRE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

- PART TIME LIAISON TO DO INTAKE AND COORDINATE SERVICES FOR NEW STUDENTS

RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER/PARA CMS

- RELIEVE COMPLIANCE ISSUES

2014-2016

- FOCUS PROGRAM AT CHS COULD SAVE US OVER \$200,000.00 IF DEVELOPED THIS YEAR FOR 2014-2015.
- ABA STUDENTS IN GR 2 (THIS YEAR) WILL BE MOVING TO CMS IN 2015-2016-NEW INCLUSION MODELS WILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THEM NEXT YEAR
- NUMBERS IN FATE PROGRAM ARE DWINDLING NEW STUDENTS NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED OR PROGRAM RECONFIGURATION NEEDS TO BEGIN

CIRCUIT BREAKER

EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF (2012-2013)

— RECEIVED IT LAST YEAR: \$93,000.00

CIRCUIT BREAKER REIMBURSEMENT FOR FY 14:

\$592,000.00

GRANT MONEY: GRANT MONEY IS USED TO OFFSET
PARAPROFESSIONAL SALARIES AT ALL LEVELS