

# Wall Township Public School Board of Education

# BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION Special Services

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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## Tonight's Agenda

- Vision of the Special Services Department
- Programs and Placements
- Code Requirements
- Out-of-District and Tuition-In Projections
- Goals
- Associated Costs

## Vision/Responsibilities



Educate students with disabilities ages 3-21



Provide necessary supports for students with disabilities and special needs



To the maximum extent possible, educate students within the least restrictive environment (LRE) while providing a free and appropriate education (FAPE) based upon a student's unique needs

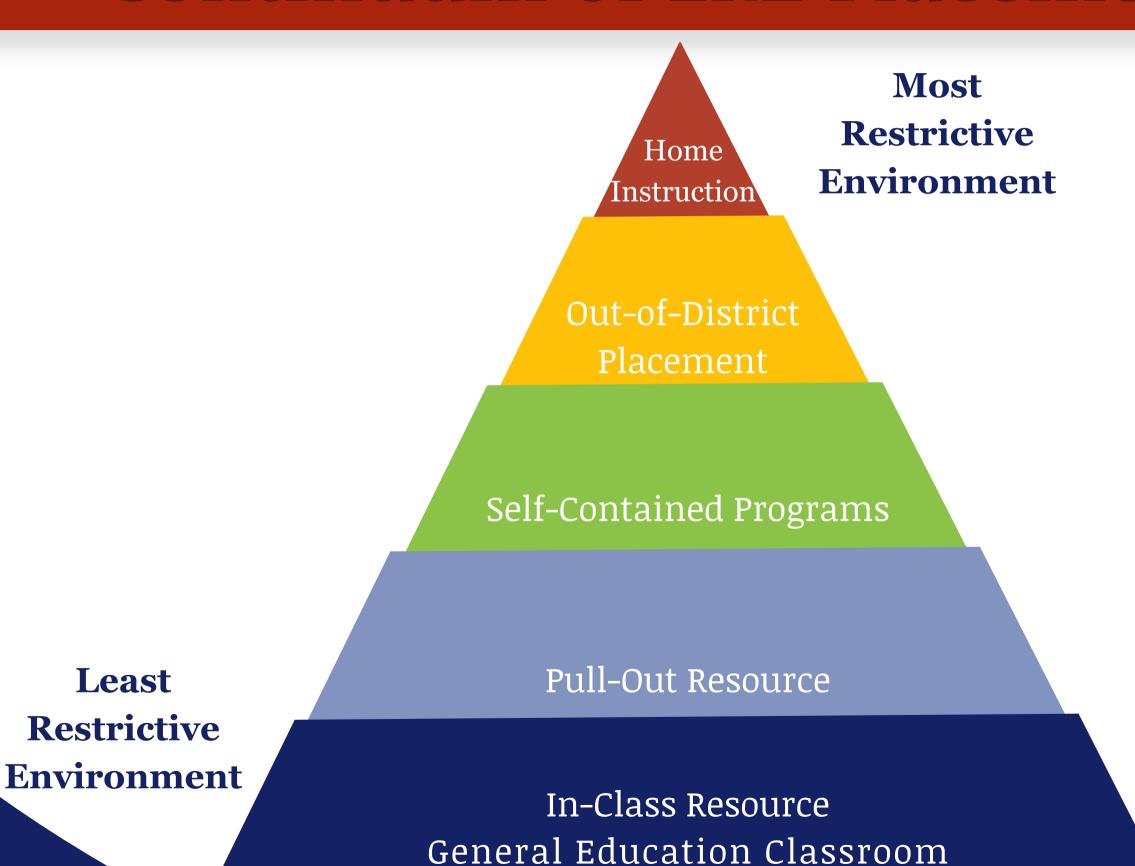


Ensure the rights of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) while remaining in compliance with the NJ Administrative Code (6A:14)



Provide the extraordinary services that are required for students to access education

### Continuum of LRE Placements



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## NJ Administrative Code Group Sizes

	Elementary	Secondary
In-Class Resource (ICR)	8	10
Pull-Out Resource (POR)	6 (7-9)	9 (10-12)

Preschool Disabilities	8 (9-12)
Emotional Regulation Impairment (ERI)	9 (10-12)
Learning and/or Landguage Disabilities (LLD)	10 (11-16)
Multiple Disabilities (MD)	8 (9–12)

## Our Special Programs

#### **Wall Primary School**

- Preschool Disabled
- Integrated Preschool

#### **Allenwood Elementary School**

- Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)

#### **Old Mill Elementary School**

• Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)

#### **Wall Intermediate School**

- Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)

#### **Wall High School**

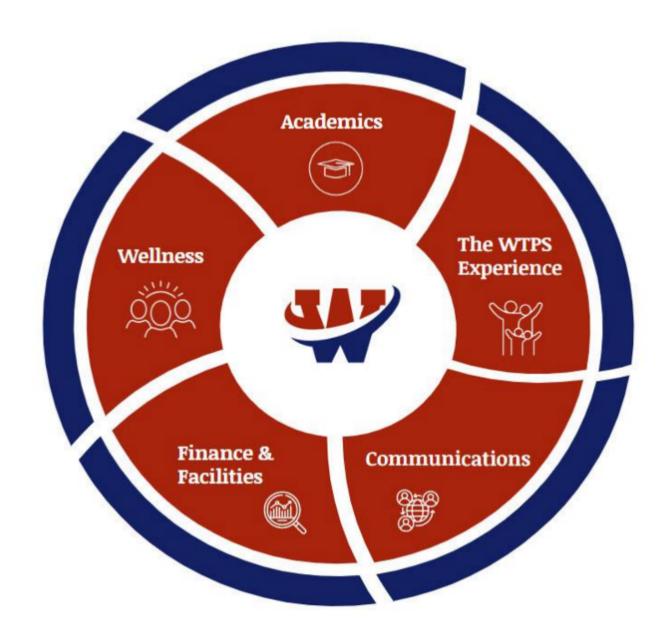
- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Structured Learning Experience (SLE)
- RISE (September 2024)



#### RISE







RISE is a program designed to assist students in an individualized, school-based therapeutic and academic learning environment.

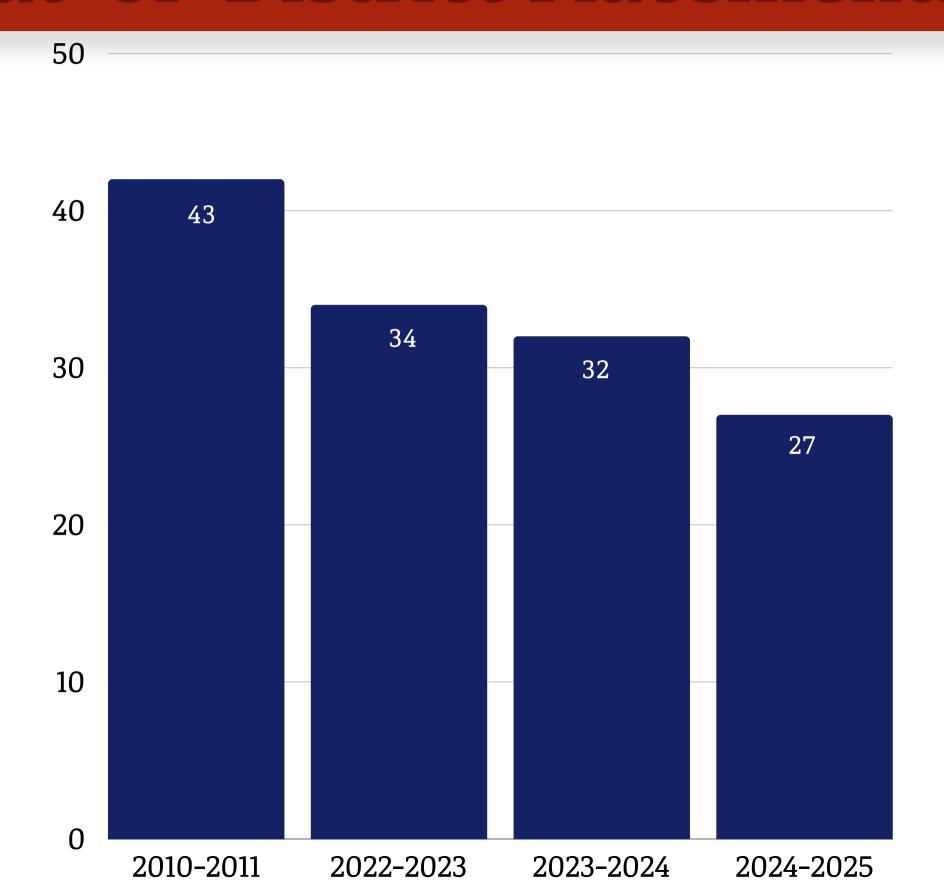
Students in grades 9–12 with an IEP due to:

- School Refusal/Avoidance/Phobia
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Risk Behavior
- Emotional Regulation Difficulties

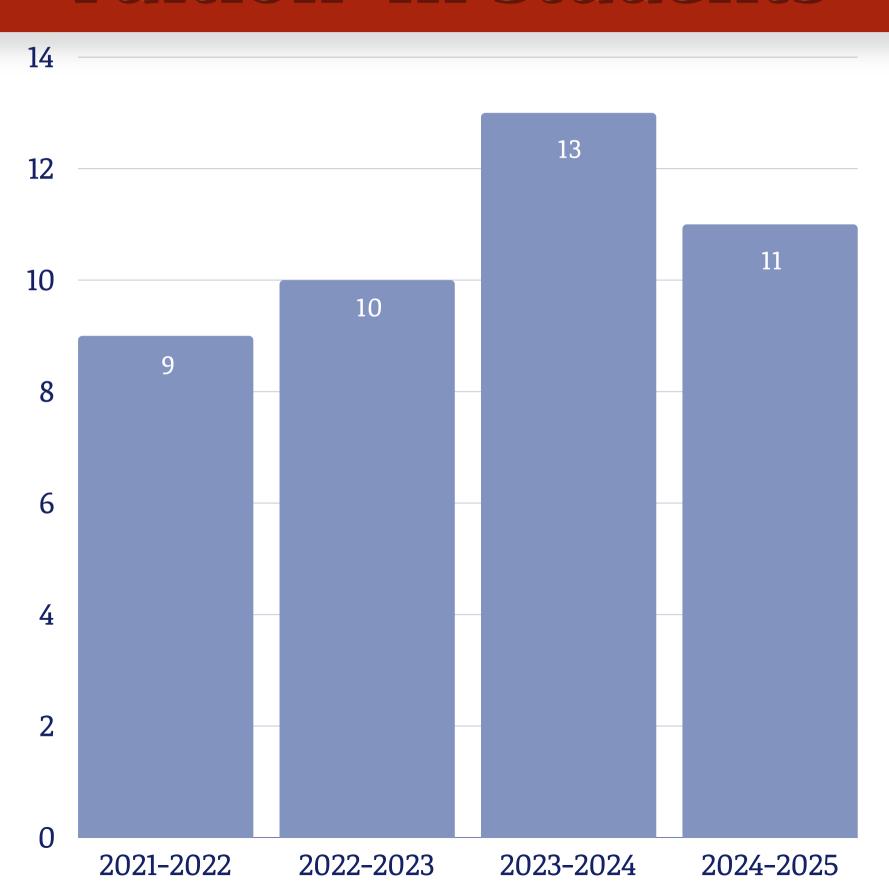
Wall High School students considered for the program are currently:

- Students who are struggling to meet graduation requirements and/or have chronic absenteeism
- Students on home instruction
- Students placed at an out-of-district school who meet the profile above

## Out-of-District Placements



## **Tuition-In Students**



### Goals for the 24-25 School Year



Continuation of the newly established ERI class at Wall Intermediate School



Continuation of push-in model for OT and Social Skills in the elementary MD classrooms



Establish and maintain inclusive practices and equity across all buildings



Continue to implement supplemental curriculum to meet the needs of diverse learners within the general education program



Expand the Unified Sports program



Establish the RISE program at Wall High School

## 2024-2025 Budget

- Tuition for Out-of-District Placements
- Extended School Year Programming
- Extraordinary Services
  - o Paraprofessionals
  - Nurses
  - o Items Specific to a Student's Needs
- Evaluations of Student Needs
  - Speech/Language
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Assistive Technology
  - Augmentative
  - Bilingual
  - Psychiatric
  - Neurological
  - Psychological
  - Visual Assessments
  - Audiological

- Professional Services
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Physical Therapists
  - Behavioral Consultants
  - Audiologists
- Specialized Equipment, Technology, Curriculum
  - Frequency-Modulated (FM) Systems
  - Augmentative Devices/Programs
  - Technology Equipment
  - Adaptive Equipment
  - Specialized Instruction Materials
- Support for Staff
  - Crisis Prevention Intervention Training (CPI)
  - IEP Direct
- Testing Materials
  - Child Study Team
  - Self-Contained Programs

## 2024-2025 Budget

Out-of-District Tuition: \$2,679,727

\$306,513

1:1 Nursing: \$250,000

Professional Services: \$225,000

\$20,000

Therapeutic Services: \$175,000



Specialized Evaluations: \$140,000

Supplies and Materials: \$225,000