



November 1, 2023

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House, H-101
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Report required by Education Article § 5-111.1 (MSAR #11325)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Section § 5-111.1 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, each local school agency (LEA) is required to report to the Maryland State Department of Education and the General Assembly of Maryland the number of students receiving specialized intervention services. This report includes the grades in which specialized intervention services were provided, and budget information, including all federal, State, and local funds for specialized intervention services, including screenings, evaluations, materials, professional development, and staffing.

The report on specialized intervention services for the Howard County Public School System is attached for your review. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Caroline Walker, Executive Director of Program Innovation and Student Well-being, by phone at 410-313-7136 or email at caroline_walker@hcpss.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Martirano".

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Howard County Public School System

C: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (pdf of report and 5 hard copies)
Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education
Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy

Specialized Intervention Services Data Collection Report FY 2022-2023

Due to the Maryland legislature and the Maryland State Department of Education November 1, 2023

Section § 5-111 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland

In 2017, the Maryland General Assembly Enacted Section § 5-111 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires local Boards of Education to report information relating to the provision of specialized intervention services beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The Maryland State Department of Education was required to establish guidelines for the report that each county board is required to submit to the General Assembly. The following format is provided for that use.

Specialized intervention services are services provided to students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 who meet all the following criteria:

- (1) are not currently identified as needing special education or related services;
- (2) need additional academic and (or) behavioral supports to succeed in a core curriculum and differentiated instruction general education environment; *and*
- (3) receive additional academic and behavioral support in small groups or individual settings at least three times each week for at least 90 minutes each week for a period of at least ten weeks during a school year.

Local Education Agency (LEA)

Howard County Public School System

MSAR# 11325


Name of Contact person completing this report

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Superintendent's Signature



Date 10/25/2023

STUDENT COUNTS

	Number of Kindergarten students receiving specialized intervention services	Number of Grade 1 students receiving specialized intervention services	Number of Grade 2 students receiving specialized intervention services	Number of Grade 3 students receiving specialized intervention services
Number of students ONLY receiving ACADEMIC services	185	744	606	503
Number of students ONLY receiving BEHAVIORAL services	4	4	3	3
Number of students receiving BOTH academic and behavioral services	5	3	7	6
TOTAL number of students receiving specialized academic and/or specialized behavioral services or both per grade level	194	751	616	512

Grand total of number of students receiving any specialized intervention services	2,073
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Specialized Intervention Services School System Budget

Please identify expenditures related to the provision of specialized intervention services to students in grades K-3 who are not currently identified as needing special education services and who are included in your student count. Include Title I funded supports and interventions.

Guidance:

- Include each item listed below. If any item does not pertain to your school system, please insert N/A.
- Complete Charts I, II, and III

Chart I Screenings Budget

Screenings-include the name of screening tools used and the number of students screened.

Evaluations-include the name of the evaluation tools used and number of students evaluated.

Materials-Include the name of the materials used and the number of students using the materials.

Chart II Professional Development Budget

Include the title of the professional development and number of people attending each event. Included costs should cover outside speakers/consultants, materials, and other costs.

No costs should be included for local school staff if the PD is provided as part of the school day. For example, if teachers are being paid for their regular workday and attend a professional development, no costs should be included for stipends. If Central Office staff present as part of a workday for which they are being paid, no costs should be included for their presentation since this is part of the regular school day.

Chart III Staffing Budget

Include both salary and benefits in staffing costs. Include the percentage of time staff used for specialized intervention services. For example, if your behavior specialist worked with a student for 30 minutes three times a week for a total of 10 weeks, you should report the salary and benefits for the percent of the behavior specialist's time spent on specialized intervention services.

Chart 1 Screenings Budget

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CHART I SCREENING, EVALUATION, MATERIALS								
Budget Item Include the name of screening tools, evaluation tools, and/or materials)	Total number of students by grade level				Budget Amount	Source of Funds (check all that apply)		
	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3		Federal	State	Local
Evaluations/Materials: Dreambox Licenses	833	833	834	833	\$125,000 X 65% = \$81,250	X		X
Materials: Lexia Licenses	1,135	1,228	1,232	1,270	\$243,000 X 65% = \$157,950	X		
Evaluation/Materials: Being A Reader	3,747	4,054	4,062	4,193	\$256,200 X 100% = \$256,200	X	X	X
Dibels Screening Tool	3,747	4,054	4,062	4,193	\$193,600 X 100% = \$193,600	X		X
Total by Grade Level	3,747	4,054	4,062	4,193				

Total number of students all grade levels	16,056
Total Budget for all screenings, evaluations, and materials	\$689,000

Chart II-Professional Development Budget

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CHART II Professional Development					
Budget Item (Include the title of the professional development and number of people attending each event.) Add budget details that explain expenses.			Source of Funds (check all that apply)		
Title of Professional Development	Number of staff attending event	Budget Amount	Federal	State	Local
Reading Screen Administration Training	300	\$14,700			X

Totals	300	\$14,700			
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CHART III Staffing					
			Source of Funds (check all that apply)		
Salary of staff member (Includes both salary and benefits)	Percent of time spent on specialized intervention services	Budget Amount	Federal	State	Local
Salary and Benefit Costs for Reading Specialists = \$15,909,344	60%	\$9,545,606	X	X	X
Salary and Benefit Costs for Mathematics Specialists = \$2,666,719	60%	\$1,600,031	X		
Salary and Benefit Costs for Elementary Alternative Education Teachers=\$1,733,098	60%	\$1,039,859			X
Salary and Benefit Costs for Elementary School Counselors=\$6,667,803	50%	\$3,333,902	X		X
Salary and Benefit Costs for Elementary School Psychologists=\$5,960,039	50%	\$2,980,020			X
Salary and Benefit Costs for K-5 Intervention Teachers=\$2,633,001	60%	\$1,579,801	X		X
Workshop Wages for Title I K-5 Tutors=\$7,105	60%	\$4,263	X		
Workshop Wages for Elementary 21 st CCLC (Bridges) Instructional Staff=\$447,308	40%	\$178,923	X		
Total		\$20,262,405			



Grand Total Budget amounts. (Budget totals from Charts I, II and III)	\$20,966,105
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