

Plainedge Public Schools 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Special Education

Presentation to the Board of Education

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Office of Special Education Responsibilities

- ▶ Special Education Curriculum/Services
- ▶ Committee on Special Education (CSE)
- ▶ Committee on Preschool Students Education (CPSE)
- ▶ District Mental Health Program
- ▶ State Reporting
- ▶ Budget Maintenance, STAC's (for State Aid Reimbursement) and Medicaid Submissions
- ▶ Grant Preparation and Management
- ▶ Professional Development
- ▶ District of Location/District of Residency
- ▶ Extended School Year Program
- ▶ Transition Planning
- ▶ Parent Engagement Sessions



Special Education Budget

Year-to-Year Perspective:

2025-2026: \$6,288,800

2026-2027: \$6,673,586

Year-to-Year Change:

\$ 384,786



*2025-26 does not include \$10,675,286 of budgeted salaries, total Special Education budget \$16,964,086
2026-27 does not include \$11,808,241 of budgeted salaries, total Special Education budget \$18,481,826

Special Education Budget Drivers

Description of Budget Line	2025-26 Adopted Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Change
PPS Equipment	28,000	38,000	+10,000
Materials and Supplies	105,800	105,800	0
BOCES Schools & Services	1,320,000	1,760,586	+440,586
Approved NYS Private School	1,720,000	800,000	-920,000
Contractual NYS Public Schools (DOL/DOR)	330,000	425,000	+95,000
Contractual CSE	2,500,000	3,500,000	+1,000,000
PPS Counseling Services (Northwell)	170,000	0	-170,000
Other (Conferences, Rate Adjustments)	115,000	50,000	-65,000
Total	\$6,288,800	\$6,673,586	\$384,786



Year-to-Year Budget Increases & Reductions

- ▶ We are currently recommending an increase in *Equipment, BOCES Schools & Services, Contractual NYS Public Schools, and Contractual Services*.
 - ▶ The increase in **Contractual NYS Public Schools** (\$95,000) reflect the increase in students enrolled at Maria Regina (24 in 24-25 & 30 in 25-26), and other private schools that require Special Education services.
 - ▶ We bill the home districts of students that are placed at Maria Regina that are not Plainedge residents.
 - ▶ Last year we billed other districts for approximately \$254,000.
 - ▶ We currently have a non-resident student that requires a 1:1 aide that costs approximately \$5,500 a month.
 - ▶ The increase in **Contractual Services** (increase of \$1,000,000) includes 3 students placed in Interim Alternative Educational Settings (IAES) awaiting NYS Approved Day placements. The vendors that provide these interim settings are paid from our Contractual code and are STAC'd as High-Cost students.
 - ▶ In addition, **Contractual Services** include rate increases for agency services such as BCBA Support, OT, PT, BIS, Parent Counseling & Training, and parent requested Independent Educational Evaluations

Year-to-Year Budget Increases & Reductions

- ▶ The **Equipment** increase (\$10,000) will include furniture for an additional Elementary Special Class 12:1:2 that is required due to student enrollment. Current year Equipment included: adaptive visual equipment, upgrades to the Student Services suite at the High School & desks and tables for the Integrated Co-Teaching classrooms at Eastplain.
- ▶ The **BOCES Schools & Services** (increase of \$440,586) reflects the Northwell program's transition to the BOCES LOI, along with Professional Development costs that are predominantly provided by Nassau BOCES. As a result, the corresponding codes were reduced. Services purchased through the LOI are aidable.
- ▶ We have reduced our *Materials & Supplies*, *NYS Approved Private Schools*, *Northwell Counseling and Conferences* to more accurately reflect expenditures, and an emphasis on utilizing the LOI to maximize aidable reimbursement.

Integrated Co-Teaching at Eastplain

Last year, we hired 3 *Special Education* teachers to implement Integrated Co-Teaching at Eastplain in Grades 3, 4, & 5.

The following are the projected number of students for an Integrated Co-Teaching placement at Eastplain in 2026-27:

Eastplain 26-27 Grade	Total Number of Students Projected for ICT
Kindergarten (based on preliminary site visits)	3
1 st Grade	3
2 nd Grade	0
3 rd Grade	4
4 th Grade	9
5 th Grade	3

Overview of Special Education Programs

Special Education Services

Resource Room

Integrated Co-Teaching

Special Class (15:1:1 and 12:1:2 and 9:1:3)

Special Class 9:1:3 with Vocational Counseling at the HS Level

Out-of-District Placement

Related Services

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Speech Therapy

Vision Services

Hearing Services

School-Based Counseling

Behavior Intervention Services

Parent Counseling & Training

Assistive Technology & Augmentative Communication Consultation



Points of Pride

- Robust Continuum of Special Education Services Districtwide
- Mental Health Initiative/Social-Emotional Learning
- Professional Development for Special Education and General Education Staff
- Parent Sessions
- Technology Enhancements
- Vocational Counseling Program in the High School
 - Last year we transitioned away from contract services, to full-time staff.
- Nassau BOCES Vocational Program
- Fostering a Community of Inclusion in All District Buildings
- Cross-Contract Requests for Summer Program and School Year

CSE Distribution for the 2025-26 Year

2025-26 Special Education Enrollment		24-25
In-District School Age Special Education	471	446
Pre-School Special Education	77	93
BOCES Special Education	7	6
NYSED Approved Private Schools	4	8
Other Public Schools Special Education	0	0
Other District Student Placed in Plainedge	11	16
Non-Public Schools/Parentally Placed	30	24
Home Instruction - Special Education	4	3
Hospital or Other Non-school	0	0
Residential	3	2
Total	607	598

Special Class Enrollment			
West:		Middle School:	
K-5 9:1:3	25	6-8 9:1:3	11
Schwarting:		High School:	
K-5 12:1:2	50	HS Ungraded 9:1:3	17
Current Referrals:			
Pending CPSE		16	
Pending CSE		27	

2025-26 Distribution of CSE Students															
<i>Disability</i>	<i>Ung</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Total</i>
Autism	37	7	10	14	2	7	3	4	0	3	2	2	2	2	95
Deaf-Blindness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deafness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emotional Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	4	13
Hearing Impairment	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Intellectual Disabilities	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Learning Disability	0	0	1	9	7	6	13	7	18	12	11	18	12	11	125
Multiple Disabilities	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Orthopedic Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other Health Impairment	2	6	7	9	8	5	8	10	12	8	15	16	14	9	129
Speech or Language Impairment	3	31	17	21	22	12	23	10	9	2	2	1	0	1	154
Visual Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	51	45	35	53	40	30	48	31	39	25	32	40	33	28	530

CPSE to CSE

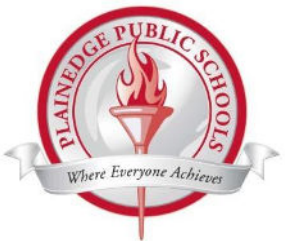
- For the 2026-2027 academic year, we anticipate transitioning 43 classified students from CPSE who require various levels of academic support, further supporting the expansion of services that occurred in recent years.
- In 2025-26 we had 54 CPSE students enter Kindergarten classified under CSE.
- The anticipated services for these incoming Kindergarteners (2026) are as follows:
 - Related Services and/or Resource Room (24 students)
 - Integrated Co-Teaching (7 students)
 - Special Class 12:1:2 (5 students)
 - Special Class 9:1:3 (7 students)



Continuum of Special Class Services

Grade Levels in Which Special Classes Are Offered:

- ▶ 9:1:3 Kindergarten to 21 years of age
 - ▶ *John H. West – 4 classes*
 - ▶ *Middle School – 2 classes*
 - ▶ *High School – 3 classes*
 - ▶ *Includes a Vocational Counseling component*
- ▶ 12:1:2 Kindergarten to 5th Grade
 - ▶ *Charles E. Schwarting – 5 classes*
 - ▶ *Increase to 5 classes requires hiring a Special Education teacher & 2 Teaching Assistants*
- ▶ 15:1:1 6th through HS (Regents bound)
 - ▶ Middle School – 3 sections
 - ▶ HS – Core Academic subjects



Special Education Staff for 26-27

- ▶ Integrated Co-Teaching at Eastplain
 - ▶ Last year, we hired *3 Special Education* teachers to implement Integrated Co-Teaching at Eastplain in Grades 3, 4, & 5.
- ▶ Special Class 12:1:2 at Schwarting
 - ▶ Increase from 4 classes to 5 classes (currently over-enrolled) requires hiring a 1 *Special Education teacher & 2 Teaching Assistants*
- ▶ *Middle School Integrated Co-Teaching*
 - ▶ We currently run 2 section of Integrated Co-Teaching at each grade level. We need 3 sections for the incoming 6th grade (29 students projected), which requires 1 *Special Education Teacher*.

2026-2027 Special Education Cross-Contract Revenue Generated: 2-Year Perspective

The number of students that cross-contract with Plainedge has reduced as space in our classes has been filled by our residents. Three (3) students will age-out of our program this year.

The following amounts are totals for revenue generated from the tuition received from neighboring districts for students placed in our schools:

- 2025-26 Total Revenue: \$811,351
 - 2025-26 School-Year Tuition
 - Grades K-6 \$70,979 per student
 - 1 student = \$70,979
 - Grades 7-12 \$70,708 per student
 - 9 students = \$636,372
 - 2025 ESY Tuition = \$104,000
- 2026-27 Anticipated Total Revenue = \$669,935
 - 2026-27 School-Year Tuition
 - Grades K-6 \$70,979 per student
 - 1 student = \$70,979
 - Grades 7-12 \$70,708 per student
 - 7 students = \$494,956
 - 2025 ESY Tuition: \$104,000



QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

