

Inclusion and Educational Programs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
JRE Lee Educational Center Room 3  
February 15, 2019

Present:

Ernie Martinez

Maria Ratti (phone)

LaKisha Richardson Jones (Curriculum Support Specialist, Specific Learning Disabilities Team)

Reagan Chalmers

- Discussed initiatives that have been taking place in the areas of standard curriculum and modified curriculum.
  - Modified Curriculum: All teachers in self-contained, modified curriculum classrooms in grades 6-12 have new textbooks and modified curriculum Pacing Guides.
  - Reagan shared resource website for modified curriculum teachers [www.modifiedteacher.com](http://www.modifiedteacher.com).
  - All teachers in K-5 have access to a supplemental reading and science program called "Learning A-Z." This resource was discussed in detail.
  - Reagan shared the progress with Touch Math in selected classrooms at various schools that have self-contained, modified curriculum classrooms.
- Books were brought out and Ernie reviewed.
- Discussed initiatives for standard curriculum students:
  - Cohort of teachers trained on the Orton-Gillingham methodology for teaching Reading.
  - LaKisha discussed how the Specific Learning Disabilities team is currently supporting these teachers through school site visits and cross training with teachers in the cohort and their colleagues at the school site.
  - Reagan shared how the Specific Learning Disabilities team is participating in the iCads monthly in partnership with the Elementary Language Arts team.
    - Approximately 1,200 teachers of reading in grades K-5 attend
    - Each month, a new facet to the Orton-Gillingham methodology is introduced to teachers along with a topic related to special education. Topics covered include accommodations, grading students with disabilities, models of support for students with disabilities).
  - Ernie had discussed Assistive Technology (AT) and shared how AT has made a difference in his life. He also had shared what he is doing in our community to support individuals with disabilities.
  - Maria also discussed how some teachers are not clear about the process to request Assistive Technology.
  - Reagan had offered to include Assistive Technology in the March presentation at the iCads.
  - Ernie and Maria agreed that it would be a great topic to work in for March.