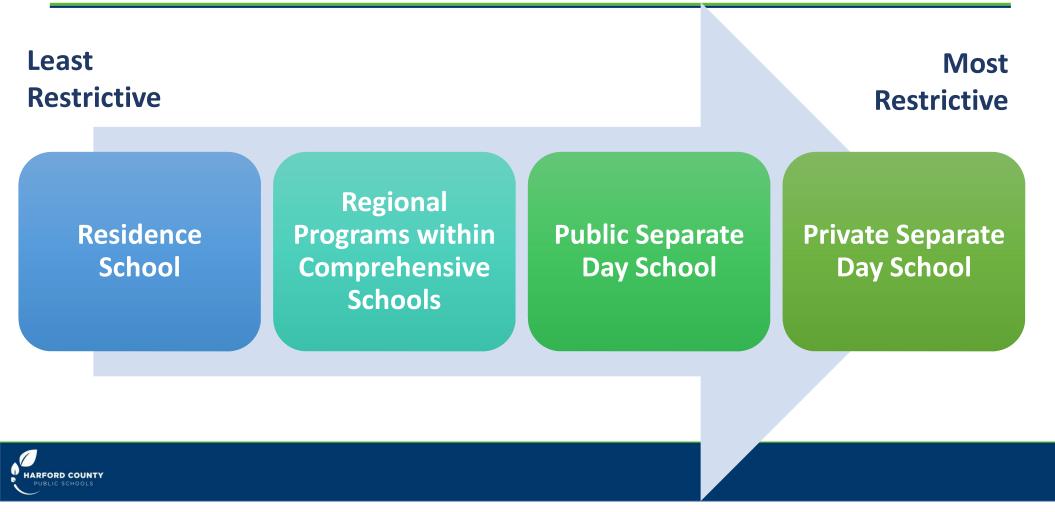
Special Education In District Classrooms at Swan Creek School

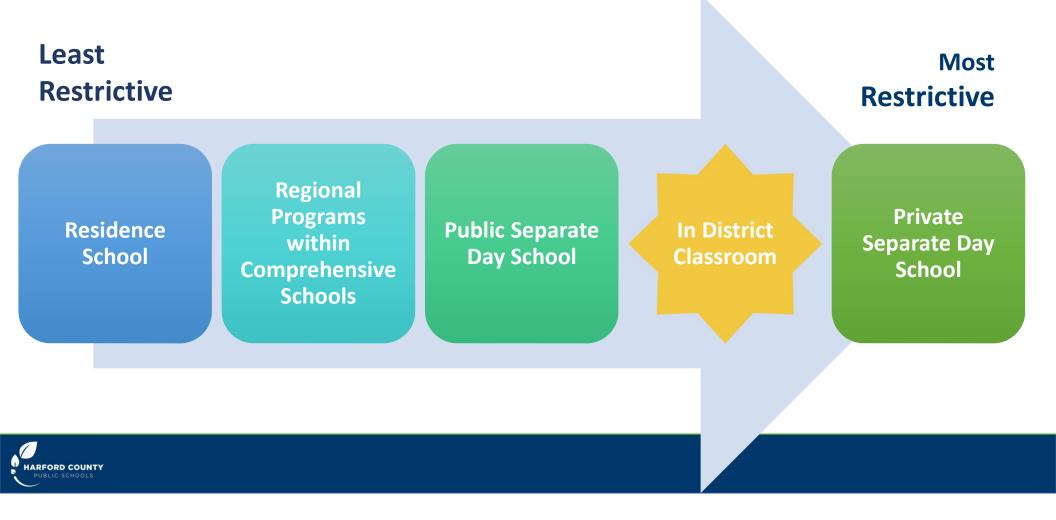
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Special Education Continuum



Proposed Special Education Continuum



Central IEP Team Referral Data

Central IEP Team Referrals	SY 21- 22	SY 22- 23	SY 23- 24	SY 24- 25	
QTR 1 (Jul-Sept)	8	14	13	20	
QTR 2 (Oct-Dec)	13	17	24	N/A	
QTR 3 (Jan-Mar)	27	22	37	N/A	
QTR 4 (Apr-Jun)	41	78	69	N/A	
Total	89	131	143	N/A	

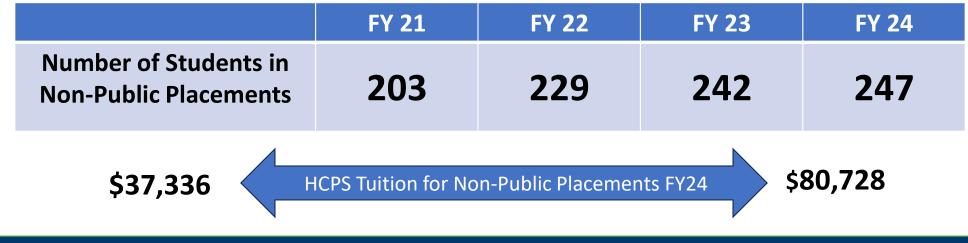
Students are referred to CIEP when needs supersede resources in current setting.

Approximately 27 students are currently waiting for a non-public placement.

Average wait for acceptance into a nonpublic school is 6 months; some wait as long as 13 months.

While awaiting placement, staff and student safety may be compromised.

Enacted during the 2022 legislative session, HB 1255 removed seclusion from MD public schools, resulting in an increased number of students requiring nonpublic placements.





Contract Proposal

In District Classrooms at Swan Creek School – IDC

Specialized Education Services, Inc. (SESI)

Proven expertise in building the confidence and competence of students through personalized academic and behavioral interventions.



More than 90 nonpublic schools nationwide 100+ in-district classrooms across 18 States High Road Schools located in Belcamp and White Marsh



Contract Proposal

SESI will provide:

- 1 SESI Admin
- 1 SESI Team Lead/Program Facilitator
- 2 SESI Special Educators
- 1 SESI Social Worker
- 4 SESI Support Staff

HCPS will provide:

- Facilities/Space
- Staff to provide related services
- Funding for 1:1 Adult Support, as needed
- Transportation
- Food Service

Individualized academic and behavioral programming for the remainder of 24-25, including extended school year services. (approximately 110 days of instruction)	Cost for 18 students: \$329,940
Individualized academic and behavioral programming for the 25-26 school year.	Cost for 18 students: \$657,072



Benefits of an IDC

More immediate access to a therapeutic setting for students requiring a more restrictive placement.

Reduces the stress of out-of-county travel.

Access to an in-county, interim placement for elementary and middle school aged students.

Diagnostic opportunities for students who transfer to HCPS from therapeutic placements. Reduces cost associated with providing services to students in need of a more restrictive, therapeutic setting.



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Non-Public Budget – Average Cost of Tuition

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24
Number of Students Served	203	229	242	247
Total Expenditures	\$7,318,150	\$7,318,777	\$9,179,157	\$10,687,534
Average Tuition per Student	\$36,050	\$31,960	\$37,930	\$43,269



Cost Efficiency of IDC

Local Non-Public Schools	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Average Non-Public Tuition	\$43 <mark>,2</mark> 69	TBD	TBD
Arrow Riverside	\$45,503	\$51,059	TBD
High Road	\$39,678	\$41,020	TBD
SESI In District Classroom			\$36,504



Request BOE approval to contract with SESI to provide Special Education programming for 18 elementary and middle school aged students with intense behavioral needs in two, In-District Classrooms located at the Swan Creek School.

- Funds will be reallocated from the existing non-public budget.
- The contract term is valid through June 30, 2026.
- This procurement is considered a single source based on the Superintendent's exemption.







