

WHAT I WISH MY ADMINISTRATOR KNEW ABOUT REACH

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Agenda

- 1. What is REACH?
- 2. REACH website and resources
- 3. New Student Screenings
- 4. REACH MAP vs. NWEA MAP
- 5. Accommodations vs. modifications
- 6. Your role in public school testing referrals
- 7. 504 Plans & Private Schools
- 8. Discussion/application





Handout - Ten Things Teachers Should Know About REACH





NAD Teacher Survey

681 teachers reported having at least 1- 4 students with the following needs:

Percent of	<u>Teachers</u>	Student Challenges:
20%	Physic	cal
52%	Speed	ch/language
57%	Math	
64%	Proce	ssing
66%	Readi	ng
67%	ADHC), Emotional/Behavioral
39%	Stude	ents with IEP's







The REACH mission:

To create inclusive schools



 To provide tools for the regular educator to meet the needs of students



 To serve as a resource for helping teachers feel more equipped to work with all types of learners







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- Website
- Downloadable Manual

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INCLUSION OFFERS SOME UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS WITH AND WITHOUT LEARNING DIFFERENCES.

Providing Differentiated Instruction

Differentiated Instruction is the way in which a teacher anticipates and responds to a variety of student needs in the classroom, providing multiple access points to essential instruction.





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Creating an inclusive classroom begins with a desire to help all students succeed. Knowledge and skills are necessary and can be learned. Success, however, can only be achieved with a positive and willing attitude. Attitude is critical! All four areas of development—spiritual, physical, social, and academic—must be addressed in an inclusive classroom.

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REACH PROCESS

Identify learner characteristics

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Do some assessments to determine st. needs



Locate appropriate strategies



Collaborate with parents, REACH specialist, and other professionals to try accommodations



Document using a Measured Action Plan (MAP)



If needed, refer student for public school or private testing

I DON'T HAVE A SPECIAL ED DEGREE...

- 1. REACH was created for general ed teachers
- 2. Use the checklists
- 3. Collaborate with colleagues and families
- 4. Create a plan and track student progress





AREAS OF STRUGGLE

- -Reading
- •Math
- Writing
- Sustaining attention
- Behavior/self-regulation/mental health
- Social skills
- Sensory Processing
- Autism Spectrum Disorder









READING DIFFICULTIES



Reading **CHARACTERISTICS** STRATEGIES RESOURCES **DOF** DOWNLOAD PDF **KINDERGARTEN** Prone to ear infections Unusually late or early reaching developmental milestones Delayed speech, may stutter under stress Late in choosing dominant hand Right/left confusion; difficulty with special concepts; gets lost easily Struggles with gross motor activities, such as hopping, skipping, or jumping Struggles with fine motor activities, such as tying shoes Trouble memorizing (such as phone number, alphabet) Mixes up sounds or syllables in long words Difficulty differentiating between phonetic sounds Difficulty with time sequencing; mixes up the order of events Difficulty with directions that include more than one task

Poorly shaped letters when writing

READING CHARACTERISTICS

- Student does not like to read orally in class
- Lacks phonics skills for decoding
- Has difficulty comprehending what is read
- Loses place while reading
- Difficulty with new vocabulary







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Inclusion in Elementary



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BEHAVIOR

ATTENTION, FOCUSING, AND ON-TASK BEHAVIORS

MATH

READING

Reading	CHARACTERISTICS	STRATEGIES	RESOURCES
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	MORE INFORMATION
Provide student with a "reader" or a taped copy of the text, i.e., Learning Ally	•
Use varying reading comprehension strategies	•
Avoid calling on a child to read aloud unless s/he has had time to practice the passage	0
Teach phonemic awareness	•
Alter size of assignment to challenge yet facilitate success, i.e., do even questions, instead of the entire page	



REACH MANUAL

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Printable checklists

READING: INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Student		Teacher_	
Date		Grade	
	Tried/ Duration	Effective Y/N	Remarks
Provide student with a reader or a taped copy of the text (i.e., Learning Ally*)			
Avoid calling on a child to read aloud unless s/he has had time to practice the passage			
Alter size of assignment to challenge yet facilitate success (i.e., do even questions, instead of the entire page)			
Assign questions at the end of the chapter before reading the text			
Give assignments in terms of time rather than required number of pages; set clear time limits (using a timer, watch, or other visible device)			
Have a reader work with student to mark key passages in student's text			
Find a suitable paraphrase or condensed version of the book (e.g., Shakespeare Made Easy)			
Utilize audio books			
Provide a study guide; orally review key points			
Teach students to outline/map stories			
Provide students with a nurnose to read			

READING STRATEGIES

- 1. Do not ask student to read orally in class, unless they practice in advance
- 2. Have student read comprehension questions before reading a passage
- 3. Teach with a Structured Phonics Program (SOR)
 - Phonemic Awareness Heggerty.org
 - > Saxon Phonics Heinneman (K-2)
 - ➤ Unlocking the Reading Code by Trish Martin (K-8)
 - > Fundations Wilson Language (K-3)
 - > Secret Stories Katie Garner (K-6)



Spelling – Use c or k?

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<u>k</u>evway

c ommack

s k imper

_c_ustled

<u>c</u> asmeric

Rule

Use c if followed by

a

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consonant

Use k if followed by

e

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y



ge or dge or j

ge after long vowel huge, cage, sage

dge after short vowel judge, budge, badge

j at beginning or middle; English words do not end with j use ge or dge at end

What is the purpose of e after g for "j" sound?

manage manageable

package packaged

replace replaceable

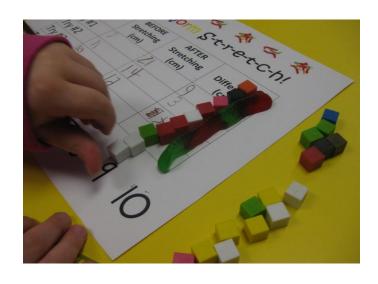


ADDITIONAL READING STRATEGIES

- 4. Provide supports Franklin Speller, NCR Paper, Reading Pen
- 5. Learning Ally Audio Textbook- MP3 files
- 6. Understanding Dyslexia: A Guide for Educators video

http://reach.adventisteducation.org/what-every-teacher-should-know/understanding-dyslexia/







MATH DIFFICULTIES



ACCELERATED LEARNER	Math	CHARACTERISTICS	STRATEGIES	RESOURCES
BEHAVIOR	DOWNLOAD PDF			
DEHAVIOR	Has difficulty recognizing numbers			
ADHD	Struggles to solve addition problems			
	Struggles to solve subtraction problems	5 ,		
MATH	Struggles to solve multiplication proble	ems		
READING	Struggles to solve division problems			
The first of the f	Does not remember math facts			
LANGUAGE ARTS	Has difficulty solving story problems			
	Works math problems from left to right			
TESTING	Struggles to demonstrate knowledge of	place value		
GRADING	Struggles to change from one math ope	eration to another		
UNADING	Struggles to do regrouping			
INSTRUCTIONAL	Struggles to keep numbers in columns			

MATH CHALLENGES

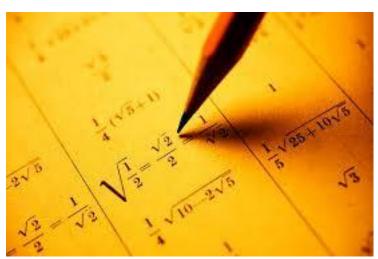


- Memorizing math facts
- Solving word problems
- Sequences of steps
- Written organization to solve problems
- Fractions/decimals
- Money/Measurement concepts (time & space)



POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO LEARNING...

- ✓ Working memory
- ✓ Attention
- ✓ Processing speed
- ✓ Language processing
- ✓ Vocabulary knowledge
- ✓ Concept formation





Carol Dweck





GROWTH **MINDSET**

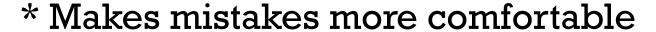
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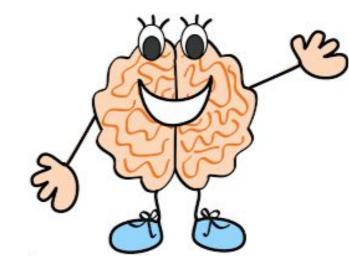
GROWTH MINDSET RESULTS IN...

* Significantly more academic gains



and ultimately more success over the lifetime

* More mistakes result in significantly more learning



Dr. Jo Boaler, Stanford University



Building the "Roads"









MATH STRATEGIES

Teach key words & math vocabulary



- Build conceptual understanding with manipulatives & activities first!
- Build basic fact knowledge don't give up on memorizing!
 - TimesTales.com
 - Rhymes-n-Times
 - Kim Sutton math fact fluency Drills to Thrill
 - Marcy Cook Math

MATH STRATEGIES

- Provide immediate feedback as much as possible!
 Whiteboard practice, do 3 then check with me,
- Graph paper for written organization
- Build basic skills over time weave in continual practice
- Technology ALEKS Math, IXL, Khan Academy, Splashlearn,
 Youcubed.org
- Try open-ended math tasks to build interest and confidence (<u>www.youcubed.org</u>) Show how math applies to real life!





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REACH RESOURCES





What every teacher should know

STRATEGIES AND MODIFICATIONS

MANUAL	N	1AP	DYSLEXIA	TERMS	APPROACHES
ASSESSMEN	IT	GR	ADING AND REP	ORTING	

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WHAT IS A MAP (MEASURABLE ACTION PLAN)

- Documentation
- Tracking Progress
- Communication tool for parents and other professionals
- Pre-referral Intervention documentation
- Response to Intervention (RTI) Tiered
 Intervention



MAP FORM

REACH TEAM PROCESS

Measurable Action Plan (MAP)

Student's Name:	Jim Jones	Grade:	12	DOB:	2/3/00	Age:	
Teacher's Name:	Ima Teacher	School:	Walla W	Valla Aca	demy	•	
Parents' Names:		Address	Washing	gton		Plan Date:	

Add phone # and email address:

Background Information:

Jim has glasses. He has had support during his elementary and high school years. This is his first year at Walla Walla Academy.

Strengths:

Jim is a hard worker. He is friendly and outgoing. He has a very pleasant, cheerful personality. He enjoys automotive and manual labor. He is a very auditory learner and hands-on.

Present Level of Performance:

(Assessment results-formative and summative; observations, portfolio, any additional data. Attach any professional psychological/academic achievement scores or test results.)

Jim functions at a fourth-grade level academically. He reads at the middle of fourth grade and his writing skills are at the middle of second grade. Math is at the seventh-grade level. He has been in Sylvan Learning Center's program and had other phonics/reading training. He tends to skip classes and /or be tardy.

Notes and Reflections:

Student: Jim Jones		Review Date:		
Area of Need	Interventions/Strategies	Desired Goal	Time Frame/ Duration	Person Responsible
World Literature	Audio Textbook Use voice activated computer software to type his papers. Graphic Organizers Exams to be given orally	Improved attendance Authentic Assessments to access grade level material and show learning	6 weeks	Mrs. Jackson
Bible	Reduce writing assignments Steps to Christ in audio format Oral Exams Community Service Project	Improved attendance Community Service Project for Spiritual, Collaborative Group and Service Learning Outcome	6 weeks	Chaplain Palmer
Government	Hands-on projects Audio Textbook Oral Exams Reduced amount of written work Graphic Organizers Extended time	Improved attendance Performance Assessments to access grade level material and show learning	6 weeks	Mr. Bryant
Resources Required: Audio Te	extbooks, voice activated comp	nuter software	L	
	e student's cumulative folder to help tead	chers better support the student in subse	equent grades or sch	nools.
Team Members Present Sign	natures:			
Teacher		Parent		
Administrator		Student		
Other		Other		-0
Date				





Student Name:	School:	Grade:
Date of Birth:	ge:	Date:
escribe the nature of the concern, includ	ing testing results if avai	ilable:
heck the accommodations that	may help the stud	ent become more successful in the classroom.
esson Presentation:		
Pair student to check work		☐ Write key points on board
Provide peer tutoring		Provide visual aides
Provide peer note taker/copies of notes		☐ Check for understanding of directions
Vary activities within lesson Provide written outline		□ Break presentation into segments
Student orally reviews key points		□ Allow student to record lesson □ Alert to directions
Teach through multi-sensory modes		Give one direction at a time, check for understanding
Textbooks in audio format		Other:
Give oral and written directions		Other:
Highlight keywords in written direction	S	Other:
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Test Taking:		
Allow open book exams		☐ Give tests in alternate settings, separate room
Give take-home tests		Read directions and test items to students
Read items to student		□ Allow extra time for exam
Provide a review sheet or study guide		☐ Frequent short quizzes in place of lengthy tests
Give only one major test a day		 Allow brief responses or outline form for essays questions
Provide a word blank for fill-in-the-blan		□ Adjust the number of questions they must answer
Allow oral responses for essay question	s	Other:
Give a sample test in advance		Other:
Allow a project to show knowledge inst	ead of a fest	□ Other:
ssignments/Worksheets:		= C:1:61 J:1
Extra time to complete tasks Reduce assignment, answer odds/evens		□ Simplify complex directions □ Reduce reading level
Require fewer correct responses		Provide structured routine in written form
Allow type-written reports		□ Reduce homework assignments
Provide electronic spell checker		Check the first few problems for understanding
Shorten assignments to ensure success		Reduce problems on worksheets to reduce amount of visual information
Change grading scale		Other:
Allow students to dictate longer assignn	nents	Other:
Accept projects for major written assign		□ Other:
hysical Arrangement of Room:		and the financial state of the financial stat
Seat student near teacher		Seat near positive role model
Stand near student when giving direction	ns/instruction	□ Increase distance between desks
Provide flexible seating	no traffic ato)	Provide study carrel, desk divider for quiet work space
Avoid distracting stimuli (air conditioni	ng, traffic, etc.)	Other:

Organization:	
Provide peer assistance with organizational skills	□ Extra set of books at home
Daily/Weekly progress report to home	☐ Check assignment notebook, teacher and parent signs for completed work
Reward system for class task completion	Other:
Provide graph paper for math	□ Other:
Behaviors:	
Praise specific (targeted) behaviors	□ Teach self-monitoring strategies
Reward system for appropriate behavior	□ Keep rules simple and clear
Minimize negative consequences	□ Allow short breaks between tasks
Increase immediacy of rewards	□ Establish "cue" to signal student
Ignore minor misbehavior	□ Set up a behavior contract with student
Implement time-out procedures	□ Allow legitimate movement
Implement behavior management system	Provide flexible seating
Check backpack for necessary materials before student leaves	Other:
Parent check backpack before school	DOTHER:
Medication:	
Medication(s):	. V V
Times given Ad	dministered by:
	nclude student/parent responsibilities which may facilitate success of plan):
Participants in development of Accommodation Plan:	
Participants in development of Accommodation Plan: Name Position	Date
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My signature indicates that I was present at the Accommodation Plan meeting, participated in the discussion, and understand what was discussed. I understand that because my child attends a private school, the law under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requiring public schools to fulfill the recommendations for students with an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, does not apply. Therefore, the school cannot be held liable for not fulfilling the goals on an IEP or accommodations on a 504 Plan. However, the teachers, although not special educators, care deeply for their students and will try to accommodate for their learning needs.



Purpose is Documenting Student Support Systems

Never diagnosing

Use descriptive language with families and on report cards - never labels

challenge to stay focused & complete assignments needs many opportunities to wiggle and move difficulty remembering letter sounds even with lots of practice difficulty with pencil grip for writing

Accommodations vs. Modifications –

Pacific Union Ed Code p. C 16-114

Accommodations change "how"

Modifications change "what"

When reporting the progress of students, the following definitions must be considered:

A. Accommodations are any variation in the educational environment or process that does not fundamentally alter the content of the course based on voted content standards.

Examples of accommodations include using alternative forms of textbooks (Braille, audio, etc.), allowing a student a different seat in the classroom, oral examinations, extra time for examinations, etc.

Students for whom accommodations are made will receive grades and credit in the same manner as students without accommodations.

B. Modifications are any variation in the educational environment or process that fundamentally alters the content of the course based on voted content standards.

Examples of modifications include changing the learning expectations, reducing the number standards to be mastered, use of aides that interfere with the independent work of the student, etc.

Students for whom modifications are made may receive report cards which indicate progress of the student toward the goals outlined in the IEP (if one exists). However, permanent school records may not indicate that a student received special education, has a disability, or received related services. Schools may, however, indicate that the student was enrolled in a different course.

For example, at a secondary school, the US History course may be listed on the transcript as a college-prep US History course for students with no modifications. For a student with modifications, the course may be listed as an Intro to US History. Difference in grading systems (letter grade vs. pass/fail) may not be based on a student's need for special services.

If a school wishes to use symbols or codes on student report cards to indicate modified learning expectations, a policy must be developed (and approved by the local conference office of education) applying the use of symbols or codes for all students and should not be used solely for students with an IEP, learning disability or modified programs.



Examples

Accommodations

- Extra time on tests or assignments
- Do odd or even numbers
- Listen to passage read (audio books)
- Allow student to answer test questions orally
- Grade on content, not spelling

Modifications

- Alternative math curriculum (different grade level to match skills)
- Reduce the number of spelling words from 20 to 10
- Reduce content student will be required to learn



NEW STUDENTS - WHAT DO YOU DO?

New student - No assessment scores or report cards available.

Use New Student Interview form

Do some form of assessment before committing to grade placement.

Check age & birthdate
WRAT 4 or 5 (gr. 3-12)
Informal Reading Inventory
Writing sample – a paragraph on topic of choice
San Diego Quick Reading Assessment (free K-12)

Gesell Developmental Observation – K-2

Be proactive to place in correct grade from the start



New StudentScreenings

Check birthdays!

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Pre-K4 years old by Sept. 1
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- •Kindergarten 5 years old by Sept. 1
- •First Grade 6 years old by Sept. 1



New Student Screenings

WRAT 5 - Wide Range Achievement Test

Grades 3-12

Decoding & Comprehension

Calculation

Spelling

Standard Scores & Grade Equivalency

45 min.





New Student Screenings

✓ K-2 Gesell Developmental Observation

Provides insight of developmental age compared to chronological age (45 min.) Helps confirm readiness and developmentally appropriate curriculum

- Informal reading inventory to find reading level instructional independent frustration
- ✓ Writing Sample paragraph on topic of choice



Student Screenings



NWEA MAP New Student Screener

Use online MAP Test to screen unenrolled students

• There is also a Dyslexia Screener in MAP Reading Fluency

Will flag skills for targeted instruction and practice





New Student with IEP

Use New Student Interview Form with Family If honest and share IEP check 3 things:

- 1. Primary and or Secondary Disability p. 1
- 2. Learning Goals
- 3. % of time in GE and Sp. Ed. and types of services



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STEP 1 - DISABILITY

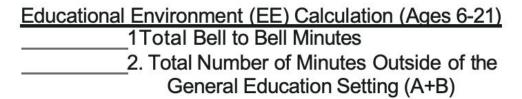
STEP I - DISABILITY			
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□ Autism(O)		<u>Primary</u>	Secondary
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☐ Cognitive Disability (A)		☐ Orthopedic Impairment (C)	
□ Deaf/Blindness (H)		☐ Other Health Impairment (L)	
□ Deafness (G)		☐ Speech or Language Impairment (I)	
□ Developmental Delay (2.0) (N)	П	☐ Traumatic Brain Injury (P)	
☐ Developmental Delay (3-9) (N)		☐ Visual Impairment including Blindness (E)	
☐ Emotional Disability (K)		_ riedai in paintient ineidaing Dimanese (L)	_
☐ Hearing Impairment (F)			



PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSES				
The IEP must address all content areas, cJasses, and specify if the student will participate In general physical education.				
General Education with No Supplementary Aids (Specify content areas, classes, whether or not the chld will participate In general phystcal education, and extracurricular and other nonacademic activities.)	Minutes Per Week In Setting (Optional)			
General Education with SuppJementary Alda (as specified In the Supplementary Aids section)	Minutes Per Week			
(Specify content areas, classes, whether or not the child will participate lo general physical education, and extracurricular and other nonacademic activities with supports, if applicable.)	In Setting (Optional)			
Special Education and Related Services within the General Education Classroom (Specify content areas and classes In which the child will participate with the provision or special education and related services. Ust each special education and related service that will be provided during each class.)	Minutes Per Week In Setting			

PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSE	S/SERVICES
The IEP must address all special education and related services.	
Special Education Services - Outside General Education	Minutes Per Week In Setting
	A.
Related Services - Outside General Education	Minutes Per Week In Setting
	B.

Educational Environment (EE) Calculation (Ages 3-5)
1. Minutes spent in regular early childhood program
2 Minutes spent receiving special education and
related services outside regular early childhoo
(A+B)





SDA Schools Not Required to Implement IEP

Can use IEP to create a MAP or accommodation plan

- *504 Accommodation Plan is Civil Rights Document
- Private schools need to provide minor reasonable accommodations





Link to REACH Resource Handout

Topics include:

REACH
Assessment tools
Reading
Math



MORE TEACHER FRIENDLY READING ASSESSMENTS

Downloadable and Free online

- ✓ San Diego Quick Reading Assessment (K-11)
- ✓ CORE Phonics Survey (K-12)
- ✓ Heggerty Phoneme Awareness Screening (K-3) Heggerty.org





Referring for Public School Evaluation

IDEA Federal Sp. Ed. Law - Child Find

District must

LOCATE

EVALUATE

IDENTIFY

any child with a disability in their jurisdiction

- Parents must request testing
- ✓ School must show evidence of interventions tried (MAP)



Yearly Consultation Meeting with Public School District

- ✓ SELPA Office of local public school district hosts meeting
- ✓ Meets requirements of IDEA to consult with private schools on yearly basis
- ✓ Look for invitation letter from SELPA Office
- ✓ Great way to connect with SELPA representatives and other private schools in your area. Make connections for stronger partnership with public schools.
- ✓ Opportunity to have a voice in how sped funding is spent based on student needs.





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REACH Shop Talk Questions

- Share how your school uses an accommodation form or the MAP form to document accommodations for students with learning challenges? Discuss effectiveness and/or challenges.
- 2. Where do you keep accommodation or MAP forms in your building? Cum folders? Special Ed file for students? Is there a confidential file for any student with special education paperwork?
- 3. How can you share the REACH website and resources with your teachers?
- 4. What new student screenings does your school use?
- 5. Share whether your school uses NWEA MAP as a student screening and usefulness of results for guiding grade placement of new students.
- 6. Does someone from your school attend the district yearly consultation meeting as a representative from the private schools?
- 7. How do you use an IEP to help determine your school's honest ability to accept a student? Is there an annual review process for students with more significant needs to determine whether they should continue at your school?

