

Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Question: The projected and actual number of students receiving each type of special education service over the past 5 years. (Financial Services)

Response: The following response was prepared by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):

Services are provided in the areas of learning disabilities and emotional disabilities (Category A services); in autism, intellectual disabilities, noncategorical elementary, and physical disabilities (Category B services); in adaptive physical education, communication disorders, deaf and hard-of-hearing, assistive technology, class-based preschool, preschool resource, preschool autism classes, therapy services (physical or occupational), visual impairment, and career and transition services. Most students receive their primary service in either Category A or Category B.

The attached chart provides a breakdown of services by category and level for the past five years.

| Special Education Services | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | FY 2014 | | FY 2015 | | FY 2016 | | FY 2017 | | FY 2018 | |
| | Proj | Act | Proj | Act | Proj | Act | Proj | Act | Proj | Act |
| Category A | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Level 1</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emotionally Disabled | 732 | 677 | 682 | 675 | 659 | 630 | 617 | 609 | 567 | 667 |
| Learning Disabled | 5,582 | 5,568 | 5,670 | 5,288 | 5,276 | 5,014 | 5,266 | 5,038 | 4,948 | 5,108 |
| <i>Level 2</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emotionally Disabled | 1,085 | 1,110 | 1,165 | 1,064 | 1,079 | 1,066 | 1,063 | 1,065 | 1,052 | 1,068 |
| Learning Disabled | 7,844 | 7,932 | 7,995 | 8,113 | 8,146 | 8,286 | 8,171 | 8,254 | 8,348 | 8,242 |
| Subtotal Category A | 15,243 | 15,287 | 15,512 | 15,140 | 15,160 | 14,996 | 15,117 | 14,966 | 14,915 | 15,085 |
| Category B | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Level 1</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Autism | 594 | 628 | 643 | 647 | 662 | 651 | 637 | 689 | 725 | 769 |
| Vocational (Davis, Pulley, STEP) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Intellectually Disabled | 102 | 86 | 96 | 91 | 86 | 76 | 72 | 79 | 83 | 74 |
| Physically Disabled | 47 | 44 | 42 | 38 | 41 | 38 | 38 | 32 | 31 | 43 |
| Noncategorical | 408 | 454 | 487 | 505 | 524 | 500 | 525 | 521 | 559 | 600 |
| <i>Level 2</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Autism | 1,676 | 1,658 | 1,790 | 1,796 | 1,903 | 1,976 | 2,087 | 2,113 | 2,238 | 2,227 |
| Vocational (Davis, Pulley, STEP) | 229 | 230 | 227 | 234 | 240 | 253 | 255 | 279 | 269 | 316 |
| Intellectually Disabled | 1,090 | 1,042 | 1,088 | 1,078 | 1,107 | 1,070 | 1,120 | 1,070 | 1,183 | 1,056 |
| Physically Disabled | 140 | 137 | 134 | 108 | 115 | 108 | 111 | 111 | 108 | 90 |
| Noncategorical | 1,145 | 1,090 | 1,111 | 1,156 | 1,204 | 1,172 | 1,228 | 1,211 | 1,263 | 1,316 |
| Subtotal Category B | 5,431 | 5,369 | 5,618 | 5,654 | 5,882 | 5,847 | 6,076 | 6,109 | 6,459 | 6,493 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Level 1</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preschool Resource | 918 | 804 | 932 | 781 | 912 | 801 | 900 | 832 | 876 | 912 |
| Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing | 351 | 322 | 331 | 319 | 308 | 332 | 336 | 323 | 366 | 287 |
| Vision-Impaired | 298 | 298 | 298 | 314 | 315 | 317 | 301 | 311 | 316 | 321 |
| Speech and Language Impaired | 10,198 | 10,037 | 10,049 | 9,940 | 9,933 | 9,996 | 10,017 | 10,017 | 9,963 | 10,123 |
| <i>Level 2</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preschool | 953 | 971 | 925 | 1,000 | 952 | 1,002 | 943 | 1,086 | 981 | 1,109 |
| Preschool Autism | 214 | 220 | 220 | 272 | 243 | 252 | 261 | 301 | 275 | 327 |
| Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing | 102 | 86 | 96 | 76 | 86 | 72 | 81 | 67 | 71 | 74 |
| Vision-Impaired | 12 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Subtotal Other | 13,046 | 12,753 | 12,867 | 12,716 | 12,761 | 12,781 | 12,850 | 12,941 | 12,855 | 13,157 |
| Related | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adaptive Physical Education | 1,641 | 1,949 | 1,828 | 2,115 | 2,010 | 2,208 | 2,170 | 2,307 | 2,245 | 2,407 |
| Audiology Services | 296 | 267 | 267 | 266 | 268 | 259 | 267 | 223 | 288 | 223 |
| Career and Transition Services | 3,281 | 3,334 | 3,287 | 3,505 | 3,531 | 3,669 | 3,485 | 3,842 | 3,385 | 3,776 |
| Assistive Technology Services | 2,748 | 2,829 | 2,783 | 2,823 | 2,764 | 2,888 | 2,683 | 2,920 | 2,902 | 2,860 |
| Therapy Services | 3,040 | 2,885 | 2,961 | 2,844 | 2,916 | 2,823 | 2,916 | 2,829 | 2,851 | 2,907 |
| Subtotal Related | 11,006 | 11,264 | 11,126 | 11,553 | 11,489 | 11,847 | 11,521 | 12,121 | 11,671 | 12,173 |
| Grand Total | 44,726 | 44,673 | 45,123 | 45,063 | 45,292 | 45,471 | 45,564 | 46,137 | 45,900 | 46,908 |