## **Profile and Plan Essentials**

**Special Education Students** 

Total Number of Students Receiving Special Education 291 School District Total Student Enrollment 1275 Percent of Students Receiving Special Education 22.6

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School District Areas of Improvement and Planning - Indicators			
Suspension/Expulsion by Race/Ethnicity (Indicator 4B)			
Indicator not flagged at this time.			
Disproportionate Representation by Race/Ethnicity (Indicator 9)			
Indicator not flagged at this time.			
Disproportionate Representation by Race/Ethnicity/Disability (Indicator 10)			
Indicator not flagged at this time.			
Timely Initial Evaluations (Indicator 11)			
Indicator not flagged at this time.			
Secondary Transition (Indicator 13)			
Indicator not flagged at this time.			

### **Graduation (Indicator 1)**

Indicator not flagged at this time.

## **Drop Out (Indicator 2)**

Indicator not flagged at this time.

## Assessment (Indicator 3)

### Improvement and Planning Activity

COVID-YEAR - Our participation rates are usually approximately around 95%

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## Education Environments (Indicator 5)

### Improvement and Planning Activity

The district is continuously expanding the programs offered for students with disabilities to create a more inclusive environment within the least restrictive environment. More specifically, the district is investigating elementary and secondary emotional support programs that would be able to provide students with emotional concerns and complications more intense support within the public school setting. In addition, the district is collaborating with the intermediate unit to provide additional resources and training for teachers to appropriately support students with a disability.

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Parent Involvement (Indicator 8)
Indicator not flagged at this time.
Early Childhood Transition (Indicator 12)
Indicator not flagged at this time.
Post-School Outcomes (Indicator 14)
Indicator not flagged at this time.
Resolution Sessions (Indicator 15)
Indicator not flagged at this time.

# Mediation (Indicator 16)

Indicator not flagged at this time.

# School District Areas of Improvement and Planning - Monitoring

District has completed all monitoring corrective action/improvement plans.

# **Identification Method**

Identify the District's method for identifying students with specific learning disabilities

Discrepancy Model

Building Name	AUN	Branch Number	RTI	Approved RTI Use
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# Significant Disproportionality - Placement

Significant Disproportionality

District Not Flagged for Significant Disproportionality in this area.

Identify Trends	Improvement Planning and Activities
No risk ratio calculation was performed in this category due to the small sample size or no data.	

# Significant Disproportionality - Discipline

Significant Disproportionality
District Not Flagged for Significant Disproportionality in this area.

Identify Trends/Notable Observations	Improvement Planning and Activities
No risk ratio calculation was performed in this category due to the small sample size or no data.	

# Significant Disproportionality - Identification

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District Not Flagged for Significant Disproportionality in this area.

Identify Trends/Notable Observations	Improvement Planning and Activities
No risk ratio calculation was performed in this category due to the small sample size or no data.	

## Non-Resident Students Oversight

1. Is your district currently a host district for a 1306 facility?

No

1. Describe the host's educational oversight to ensure students with disabilities are educated in the least restrictive environment while in the 1306 facility? (If not a host, answer as if you were.)

Freedom Area is not a host district. Therefore, this does not apply. However, the district has a plan that includes providing educational opportunities such as students enrolling in Freedom Area School District's cyber program or contracting with the local Beaver County Intermediate Unit to provide services. The Director of Special Education and School Psychologist would collaborate with the children's institute to identify the specific needs of each student within the institution. As the host district, we would contact the facility and begin reviewing records for those students with IEPs to determine what level of assistance the students would need and where that instruction would take place. Each IEP meeting at these facilities would start off by looking at the least restrictive option (general education with support). The district would contact the home school and review the student records. If the students did not have surrogate parents, the district would be responsible for providing surrogates to assist with the child's education. The District School Psychologist would provide screening and evaluation services as needed, and the Director of Special Education would serve as the liaison between Freedom Area School District and the institution so that all students could be provided with the necessary educational services. If the number of students enrolled in the institution becomes unmanageable, the district would apply for PDE approval to run an alternative program for those students.

2. Describe the district's procedures for communicating with 1306 facilities and how the district ensures a successful transition back to school?

Although Freedom is not a host district, we continue to communicate with host districts to ensure that all special education services are being appropriately implemented promptly. As indicated in our previous plan, the district assumes financial responsibilities based upon notification from the host school district. The Freedom Area School District has designated the Director of Special Education and School Psychologist as the contacts/liaisons to ensure that special education services are provided promptly and in the most least restrictive environment.

## **Incarcerated Students Oversight**

- 1. Does the district have an adult correctional facility that houses juveniles within its geographical boundaries? No
- 1. Describe the system of oversight the District would implement to ensure that all incarcerated students who may be eligible for special education are located, identified, evaluated and when deemed eligible, are offered a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

  N/A

#### **Least Restrictive Environment**

1. Review the district's data for Least Restrictive Environment. Highlight areas of improvement.

The district has made significant improvements since the Penn Data Report in 2019-2023 in regard to our Least Restrictive Environment numbers. The district has decreased the number of students with disabilities placed outside the district from 11.5% in 2019-2020 to 7.5% in 2022-2023. The district has added an elementary Autistic Support Classroom and significant social-emotional interventions and programs to ensure the support of students with these needs. In addition, the district has expanded its inclusive practices to the elementary level, including grades 1 - 4. The district plans to expand its emotional support programs at the middle school level (grades 5-8) to provide additional services and offer students placed outside the district in these grades the emotional support programs and services that they require.

2. What universal practices does the district utilize to address the academic and social/emotional needs of all students in need of accommodations to their learning environments?

The district utilizes Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports frameworks at all three levels of our district (elementary, middle, and high schools). The district has also sent a cohort of staff members, including teachers and administrators, to be trained in Restorative Practices. This approach has been embedded within our disciplinary procedures and policies across the district. The district utilizes a tiered intervention system and reading and math interventionists to support students that need Tier 2 or Tier 3 support. The district utilizes several benchmark and progress monitoring tools to gauge the effectiveness of all students. More specifically, Aimsweb Plus and STAR are two of the assessments that the district utilizes as progress monitoring measures. In addition, the district utilizes a Social Emotional Learning Curriculum for all students with IEPs, and 504s and for students who need Tier 2 or Tier 3 counseling or prevention services.

3. Describe the academic programming and training efforts the LEA utilizes to ensure meaningful participation of students with disabilities in the general education curriculum.

The Freedom Area School District evaluates programs annually based on the needs of current students and those expected for the coming year. The Freedom School District currently supports the following programs: Learning Support (K-12), Life Skills Support (9-12), Autistic Support (K-4), and Speech and Language Support (K-12). Currently, the District can provide support for its special education students who have emotional, life skills or other medically related needs and the appropriate supplemental services and supports to be successful within the Learning Support, Autistic Support, and Life Skills Support settings. In addition, vision and hearing impaired services, occupational and physical therapies and counseling services are provided to our students as needed. In addition, the district utilizes Savvas for its math curriculum and HMH for reading, which are implemented in general education and special education classrooms across the district. To maximize LRE for its students, the District engages in several initiatives to expand inclusive practices. To further increase appropriate LRE services for our students, the following initiatives are currently being implemented and adjusted, as well as ongoing adjustments as the needs arise: - The entire exceptional education staff received training from the Beaver County Intermediate Unit on IEP writing. This training provided the staff with

valuable tools and strategies that can be utilized to assist in building an appropriate and meaningful academic program for each student - Scheduling changes have been made at the elementary, middle, and high schools to increase the inclusion courses offered in all core academic areas - MTSS meetings are held in all buildings to review student data and to discuss appropriate interventions needed for all students. - All teachers in grades K-12 will participate in special education training in August 2023. This training will focus on working with special needs students, differentiating instruction, and following IDEA guidelines. - All administration will take part in special education training in August 2023. This training will focus on IDEA requirements and disciplinary alternatives for students with disabilities. - All special education teachers in grades 7-12 are part of transition compliance monitoring and IEP writing training during the 2022-2023 school year. - All special education teachers will be provided training on reevaluations, functional behavior assessments, and positive behavior support plans during the 2023-2024 school year. This training will include support from the Beaver County Intermediate Unit and outside agencies. - Special education teachers, prevention specialists, and school counselors will received ongoing training for SEL programming utilizing the Positive Action curriculum

4. Describe the supplementary aids and services the LEA utilizes to ensure meaningful participation of students with disabilities in extracurricular activities.

Additional supplementary aides and services are also provided to ensure that students with disabilities are educated with nondisabled children to the maximum extent appropriate.

Supports to Address Environmental Needs:

- Wiggle seats
- Noise-reducing headphones
- Preferential seating near the front of the room or near the teacher
- Assigned seating on the bus Peer buddies throughout the school day to assist with movement within the school
- Classroom restructuring of furniture to accommodate additional space needs
- Sensory resources (i.e. stress balls, weighted vests, dimmed lighting, tents, cool-down areas)
- Sensory room

Levels of Staff Support: - Pull out instruction (resource room)

- MTSS Meetings (K-10th Grades)
- Push in instruction (inclusion setting)
- Personal care aide
- Classroom aide
- Consultation with teachers
- School psychologist consultations
- Elementary/Middle/High School School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports program (behavior assistance program)
- Middle School Communication and Collaboration prep time (academic and behavior assistance interventions and parent engagement)

- High school Personalized Learning Time (PLT) program (Academic Assistance Program) Vision support both in the classroom and pull out
- Audiological support both in the classroom and pull out
- Behavioral support both in the classroom and pull out
- Physical therapy support both in the classroom and pull out
- Occupational therapy support both in the classroom and pull out
- Speech therapy support both in the classroom and pull out
- School counseling services both in the classroom and pull out
- Confidentiality training
- Proactive student approaches

### Planning Time/Training for Staff:

- Common planning time for grade-level teachers
- In-service training and scheduled time to collaborate on best practices
- Before and after school meetings
- Webinars offered by PATTAN
- Scheduled training and consultations by the Beaver County Intermediate Unit
- Scheduled training and consultations from outside behavioral agencies
- Attendance at professional development workshops and seminars
- Department meetings
- Communication and collaboration meetings

### **Specialized Equipment Needs:**

- Magnifiers to increase font size
- Laptop computers
- iPads
- Slant boards
- Classroom speakers and microphones
- Individual student hearing devices
- Private bathroom areas available in all nurse's offices
- Headphones

## The pacing of Instruction:

- Breaks as needed
- Additional time
- One-on-one instruction or assistance

- Small group instruction
- Digital materials
- Home set of materials
- Adapted curriculum

### Presentation of Subject Matter and Materials:

- Audiobooks
- Chunking of concepts
- Digital presentations and access to content
- Paired reading and writing
- Concepts provided in various learning modalities (visual, auditory, and hands-on)
- Review of material
- Peer and small group presentation
- Presentation of material in the student's primary language
- eText
- Large print

### **Assignment Modifications:**

- Shorter assignments
- Chunking of concepts
- Choices for activities/projects
- Typing of assignments
- Alternative assignments
- Fill-in-the-blank note-taking
- Summarizing
- Diagramming
- Extended time
- Small group work
- One-on-one assistance
- Reduce the number of questions
- Provide a copy of the notes
- Spacer tools
- Word banks
- Highlighter
- Graphic organizer

- Math facts chart
- Manipulatives

### Self-Management:

- Check-in and check out the Tier 2 system
- Planners
- Visual schedules
- Calendars
- Study skill instruction
- Organization check-ins
- Positive behavior plans

### **Testing Adaptations:**

- Reading tests out loud to students
- Small group or individual testing environments
- Modifying formats
- Extended time
- Highlight keywords
- Chunking
- Alternate assessment options (i.e. presentations/projects)
- Reduced multiple choice
- Chunk matching

### **Social Interaction Support:**

- Social skill modeling
- School-wide positive behavior intervention and support program (Elementary and Middle Schools)
- Transition opportunities provide training for social interactions
- Cooperative learning groups
- Counseling
- Kindness Curriculum (5-8)
- Positive Action Social Emotional Learning Curriculum (K-12)
- Small group counseling
- Presentations by outside organizations on anti-bullying and positive interactions
- School resource officer provides presentations on safe online presence
- Prevention Specialists support (one at each building)

- Lunch Bunch (K-4)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Program
- Outpatient therapy services
- 5. Describe the District procedures, which ensure that, to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities placed in private institutions are educated with non-disabled children and have the opportunity to participate in district lead extracurricular activities?

The Freedom Area School District continues to ensure that students referred for special education services receive a multi-disciplinary evaluation. The team's goal is to provide for the student's educational and emotional needs in the least restrictive educational setting with their non-disabled peers to the maximum extent possible. Freedom Area School District considers all supplementary aids and services, i.e., Collaborative, Social-Behavioral, Instructional, and Physical Adaptations and Modifications for all special education students within the regular education environment before more restrictive options. Freedom's special education program provides a push-in (inclusive), pull-out (resource room) approach to meeting the needs of its students. Student's identified as needing special education services have access to the same curriculum, with accommodations listed in their IEPs, as their non-disabled peers, except for a few students whose needs require an alternate curriculum. Supplementary aides and services are provided to support students within the regular class setting. Title I reading specialists, speech and language therapists, and teaching assistants provide research-based interventions to the students. Weekly progress monitoring is conducted to help assess each student's progress and to help teachers make instructional decisions that are best for that student. The same progress monitoring tools are used by the special education teachers. In an effort to appropriately address and meet the learning needs of students with life skills and/or emotional support needs, the Freedom Area School District has maintained a partnership with PATTAN, the BVIU and county interagency services. These partnerships have allowed us to support students in their home school in Learning Support and Life Skills Support settings. The Freedom Area School District encourages all students with disabilities to participate in extracurricular activities. It is the norm in Freedom for identified students to participate in all-school musicals and plays, athletic events, chorus and band, school clubs and organizations. If a student with a disability is not making adequate progress, the IEP team meets to review current interventions, assessment data, teacher observations, parent input, behavior reports, and any other documentation that would illustrate the student's progress or lack thereof. Once the aforementioned information has been reviewed, the team will identify new interventions or adapted goals. If the student continues to show a lack of progress, a multi-disciplinary re-evaluation is conducted to determine if any additional support could be put in place to help the student be successful before a change in placement. In addition, if a student's behavior impedes academic progress, the IEP team will complete a functional behavior assessment of the student. This functional behavior assessment data will create positive behavior plans appropriate to the student's needs. If, after sharing the evaluation information and the outcomes of the functional behavior assessment and behavior plans with parents and the rest of the student's multi-disciplinary team, it is determined that all appropriate local supports and supplementary aides have been implemented, only then is an outside placement option considered. Placement decisions are team driven and based on the most appropriate supports and interventions a program offers that would meet the student's needs.

6. Discuss the district's need to build capacity and expand programs and services in an effort to provide a continuum of services. (Consider the out of district placement chart)

The District has 291 students eligible to receive exceptional education support and services. Of this sample, 22 students receive services in an out-of-district placement. Eight students are placed in Special Education Centers based on their complex medical and intellectual support needs. Fourteen students are placed in facilities for severe behavioral and emotional support needs. In comparison to the 2019-2020 Indicator 5 results, the District was above the target of 4.8% of outside placements and was at 11.5%. Currently, the district is at 7.5%. In order to to continue to resolve this discrepancy, the Freedom Area School District will be looking at collaborating with an outside agency and the intermediate unit to form a 5-8 Emotional Support program during the 2023-2024 school year. Through this program's creation, students currently placed in emotional support classes outside of the district will have the opportunity to return to their home school in the least restricted education environment. In addition, the administrative team has been scheduling IEP meetings with families to begin the transition back to the Freedom Area School District. Future plans for the district that will increase the return of students from outside placements include the possible addition of more emotional support classrooms and the addition of autistic support classrooms or the collaboration between local school district programs to share service opportunities. The District will maintain ongoing communication with the aforementioned facilities regarding student progress, and meetings will continue to be held to consider a less restrictive placement.

#### **Out of District Placements**

Facility Name	Facility Type	Other	Operated By	Service Type	Number of Students Placed
St. Stephens Lutheran Academy	Other	Special Education School	Glade Run Lutheran	Emotional Support	1
New Horizons School	Other	Public Centered Based School	Intermediate Unit	Autistic Support	2
New Horizons School	Other	Public Centered Based School	Intermediate Unit	Emotional Support	4
New Horizon School	Other	Public Centered Based School	Intermediate Unit	Life Skills Support	4
Hope Learning Center	Licensed Private Academic		Hope Learning Center	Emotional Support	3

Children's Institute - The	Approved Private	Approve	d Private Multiple Disabili	ties
Day School	School (APS)	School	Support	2
The Watson Institute	Approved Private	Approve	d Private	2
The watson institute	School (APS)	School	Autistic Support	5
The Watson Institute	Approved Private	Approve	d Private Multiple Disabili	ties <sub>1</sub>
The watson institute	School (APS)	School	Support	1
Western PA School for	Approved Private	Approve	d Private Blind and Visual	ly 1
the Blind	School (APS)	School	Impaired Suppo	rt <sup>1</sup>
DePaul School	Approved Private	Approve	d Private Deaf and Hard o	f Hearing 1
Deraul School	School (APS)	School	Support	1

## **Positive Behavior Support**

Date of Approval 2020-10-03

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Behavior Support - FASD Policy.html

1. How does the district support the emotional, social needs of students with disabilities?

The Freedom Area School District promotes effective teaching practices in the areas of both classroom management and behavioral management. Training is provided to new staff through the induction program and to all special education and regular education teachers through Act 48 workshops and services. The district recognizes that effective learning outcomes occur in an appropriately managed classroom where an effective and consistent approach is implemented for all students. When the student's (regular education or special education) behavior interferes with their learning and/or the learning of others, a plan of intervention is implemented based upon the results of a Functional Behavior Assessment. This assessment considers any academic or social/emotional deficits that may be the root cause of the problem. Efforts are made to intervene and explicitly teach both academic and behavioral expectations. Also, the Freedom Area Elementary School has utilized services provided through an outside agency for behavioral consultation. These services have included paraprofessionals and board-certified behavior analysts. In addition, students identified as having a disability receive a comprehensive social-emotional learning curriculum every week. The Freedom Area School District Board of Directors realizes that students with disabilities should be educated in the least restrictive environment and shall only be placed in settings other than the regular education class when the nature or severity of the student disability is such that education in the regular education class with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. The IEP team for a student with disabilities shall develop a positive behavioral support plan if the student requires specific interventions to address behaviors that interfere with learning.

2. Describe training provided to staff in the use of positive behavior supports, de-escalation techniques and responses to behavior that may require immediate intervention.

The Freedom Area School District Board Of Directors emphasizes the importance that any behavior support program for its students be based on positive, rather than negative, behavioral techniques. Behavior support plans (Positive Behavioral Support Plan) shall be based on a functional behavioral assessment of the behavior (FBA), and shall be developed by a variety of research -- based techniques to develop and maintain skills that will enhance students opportunities for learning and self-fulfillment. The district collaborates with outside agencies (board certified behavior analysis) and the Intermediate Unit on a case by case basis when developing these plans. The Freedom Area School District maintains operable academic/behavioral support teams at the elementary level, and Student Assistant Teams (SAP) kindergarten through the high school levels to provide every student in the district with the opportunity to learn to their highest ability in an appropriate educational

setting. This requires a safe and orderly school environment. The school district uses the behavioral support teams and the student assistant team (SAP) in identifying at-risk students with social, emotional, academic, or substance abuse problems. The students are connected with various resources to aid with their behavioral health needs. CPI certification and recertification training have been provided through the district's School Psychologist, who is a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certified Instructor. This included both professional and para-educator staff. Crisis Intervention Teams have been formed and trained at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. The School District's School Psychologist reports to the state and maintains data on any of its students requiring restraints through the RISC system. All building principals and alternative educational settings are notified every year regarding the importance of providing the district with information concerning special education students that may require restraints. The letter provided to outside agencies provides appropriate definitions regarding what constitutes a restraint and the information the district will need to report via the RISC system process.

3. Describe the district positive school wide support programs.

The district provides comprehensive positive behavior support programs in all three buildings (elementary, middle, and high schools). The middle school is in the 6th year of SWPBIS programming, the elementary school is in year 3 of SWBIS programming, and the high school is in the early stages of piloting its tiered school-wide support program. The Intermediate Unit has supported all of these programs, including training, resources, professional development, monitoring, and revisions to the district's programs.

4. Describe the district school-based behavior health services.

The district provides several school-based behavioral health services. School-based outpatient therapy, Student Assistance Program, Prevention Specialists, School Counselors, School Psychologists, Behavioral Specialists, Board Certified Behavioral Analysts, Social Emotional Learning Curriculum, as well as two certified therapy dogs, are utilized to service students within the district.

5. Describe the district restraint procedure.

CPI certification and recertification training have been provided through the district's School Psychologist, who is a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certified Instructor. This included both professional and para-educator staff. Crisis Intervention Teams have been formed and trained at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. The School District's School Psychologist reports to the state and maintains data on any of its students that require restraints by way of the RISC system. All building principals, as well as all alternative educational settings, are provided notification on a yearly basis regarding the importance of providing the district with information concerning special education students that may require restraints. The letter provided to outside agencies provides appropriate definitions regarding what constitutes a restraint as well as the information the district will need in order to report via the RISC system process.

## Intensive Interagency

Please address any areas of concern with students who are placed on Instruction Conducted in the Home or who are at a substantial risk of waiting more than 30 days for an appropriate educational placement.

N/A

# Education Program (Caseload FTE)

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary Resource	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:49 PM

Building Name		
Freedom Area El Sch		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Supplemental (Less Tha 20%)	n 80% but More Than	5
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	Elementary	5 to 8
Age Range Justification		FTE %
	·	0.25

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary Autistic Support	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:49 PM

Building Name	
Freedom Area El Sch	
Support Type	
Autistic Support	
Support Sub-Type	
Autistic Support	
Level of Support	Case Load
Itinerant (20% or Less)	2

Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	Elementary	6 to 7
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.17

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary Autistic Support	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:48 PM

Building Name		
Freedom Area El Sch		
Support Type		
Autistic Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Autistic Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		-
20%)		5
Identify Classroom	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Age Range
School District	Elementary	5 to 8
Age Range Justification		FTE %
Waiver has been signed by parents		0.62

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School 6	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:46 PM

Building Name	
Freedom Area MS	

Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Itinerant (20% or Less)		18
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Bongo
Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District Elementary		11 to 13
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.36

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
High School 10	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:45 PM

Building Name		
Freedom Area SHS		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		1
20%)		1
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	Secondary	15 to 15
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.05

FTE ID Classroom Location   Full-time or Part-time Position?   R	Revised
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High School 11-12 Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:45 PM
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Building Name		
Freedom Area SHS		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Itinerant (20% or Less)		19
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Bongo
Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District Secondary		16 to 18
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.38

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School 8	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:43 PM

Building Name				
Freedom Area MS				
Support Type				
Learning Support				
Support Sub-Type				
Learning Support				
Level of Support	Level of Support Case Load			
Itinerant (20% or Less) 20				
Identify	Classroom Location   Age Range			
Classroom	Classicom Location	Age Range		

School District	Secondary	13 to 14
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.4

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School Resource	Multiple	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:41 PM

<b>Building Name</b>		
Freedom Area MS		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support	Case Load	
Supplemental (Less Tha	9	
20%)		9
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	11 to 14	
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.45

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School 7	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:38 PM

Building Name
Freedom Area MS
Support Type
Learning Support

Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		1
Level of Support		Case Load
Itinerant (20% or Les	9	
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Dongo
Classroom	Classicom Location	Age Range
School District	12 to 13	
Age Range Justificat	FTE %	
		0.18

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
High School 10-12 Supp	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:36 PM

Building Name		
Freedom Area SHS		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support	Case Load	
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		1
20%)	1	
<b>Identify Classroom</b>	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	16 to 18	
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.05

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
High School 10-12	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:35 PM

Building Name				
Freedom Area SHS	Freedom Area SHS			
Support Type				
Learning Support				
Support Sub-Type				
Learning Support				
Level of Support	Case Load			
Itinerant (20% or Less)		22		
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Bongo		
Classroom Location		Age Range		
School District	16 to 18			
Age Range Justificat	FTE %			
		0.44		

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Speech 9-12	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:26 PM

Speech And Language Support			
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Age Range Justification	FTE %
	0.05

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Speech 5-8	Multiple	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:25 PM

Building Name				
Freedom Area MS				
Support Type				
Speech And Languag	ge Support			
Support Sub-Type				
Speech And Language Support				
Level of Support	Case Load			
Itinerant (20% or Less)		10		
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Bongo		
Classroom	Classicom Location	Age Range		
School District Multiple		11 to 14		
Age Range Justification		FTE %		
		0.15		

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Speech 3-4	Multiple	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:24 PM

Building Name
Freedom Area El Sch
Support Type
Speech And Language Support
Support Sub-Type

Speech And Language Support			
Level of Support	Case Load		
Itinerant (20% or Les	Itinerant (20% or Less)		
Identify	Classus om Lasation	Ass Dones	
Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range	
School District	Elementary	9 to 11	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.14	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elem K-2	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:21 PM

Building Name			
Freedom Area El Sch	1		
Support Type			
Learning Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Learning Support			
Level of Support	Case Load		
Itinerant (20% or Less)		3	
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Bongo	
Classroom	Classicom Location	Age Range	
School District Elementary		5 to 8	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.06	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary K-2	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:21 PM

<b>Building Name</b>				
Freedom Area El Sch				
Support Type				
Learning Support				
Support Sub-Type				
Learning Support	Learning Support			
Level of Support	Level of Support Case Load			
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		16		
20%)		10		
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range		
School District	Elementary	5 to 8		
Age Range Justification		FTE %		
		0.8		

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School 5 Supp	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:19 PM

Building Name			
Freedom Area MS			
Support Type			
Learning Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Learning Support			
Level of Support		Case Load	
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		1	
20%)		1	
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range	
School District	Elementary	10 to 11	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.05	

FTE ID	Classroom Location	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Middle School 5	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:19 PM

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Building Name			
Freedom Area MS			
Support Type			
Learning Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Learning Support			
Level of Support		Case Load	
Itinerant (20% or Less)		9	
Identify	Classroom Location	Age Range	
Classroom	Classroom Location		
School District	Elementary	10 to 11	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.18	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
High School Learning Support 9-11	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:18 PM

Building Name	
Freedom Area SHS	
Support Type	
Learning Support	
Support Sub-Type	
Learning Support	
Level of Support	Case Load

Itinerant (20% or Less)		27
Identify	Classroom Location	Age Range
Classroom	Classicolii Location	
School District	Secondary	15 to 18
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.54

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary Inclusion 3	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:50 PM

<b>Building Name</b>		
Freedom Area El Sch		
Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Supplemental (Less That 20%)	an 80% but More Than	1
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	Elementary	9 to 10
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.05

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
High School Life Skills	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:13 PM

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Freedom Area SHS			
Support Type			
Life Skills Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Life Skills Support (G	irades 7-12)		
Level of Support Case Load			
Itinerant (20% or Less)		1	
Identify	Ago Pango		
Classroom	Age Range		
School District	15 to 19		
Age Range Justificat	FTE %		
Age Waivers have be	0.05		

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Elementary Inclusion 2-4	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:09 PM

Building Name			
Freedom Area El Sch	)		
Support Type			
Learning Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Learning Support	Learning Support		
Level of Support	Case Load		
Itinerant (20% or Less)		16	
Identify	ntify Classroom Location		
Classroom	Classicom Location	Age Range	
School District Elementary		7 to 10	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.32	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	<b>Full-time or Part-time Position?</b>	Revised
High School Life Skills	Secondary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:07 PM

Life Skills Support (Grades 7-12)		
Level of Support		
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		
20%)		
<b>Classroom Location</b>	Age Range	
School District Secondary		
Age Range Justification		
Age Range Waivers have been completed		
	80% but More Than  Classroom Location  Secondary	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Speech K-3	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:57 PM

Building Name	
Freedom Area El Sch	
Support Type	
Speech And Language Support	
Support Sub-Type	
Speech And Language Support	
Level of Support	Case Load
Itinerant (20% or Less)	37

Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District	Elementary	5 to 8
Age Range Justificat	ion	FTE %
		0.57

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Learning Support 3-4	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 05:00 PM

Building Name			
Freedom Area El Sch	1		
Support Type			
Learning Support			
Support Sub-Type			
Learning Support			
Level of Support		Case Load	
Itinerant (20% or Less)		2	
Identify	Classroom Location	Ago Pango	
Classroom	Classicolli Location	Age Range	
School District	Elementary	8 to 11	
Age Range Justification		FTE %	
		0.04	

FTE ID	<b>Classroom Location</b>	Full-time or Part-time Position?	Revised
Learning Support 3-4	Elementary	Full-time (1.0)	03/22/2023 04:59 PM

Building Name	
Freedom Area El Sch	

Support Type		
Learning Support		
Support Sub-Type		
Learning Support		
Level of Support		Case Load
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than		16
20%)		10
Identify Classroom	Classroom Location	Age Range
School District Elementary		8 to 11
Age Range Justification		FTE %
		0.8

# **Special Education Facilities**

Building Name		Room #
Freedom Area SHS		205
School Building		Building Description
Senior High		A building in which general education programs are operated
Classroom Measurements	<b>Classroom Area Measurement</b>	Max # of students in classroom
27 feet, 8 inches x 19 feet, 3 inches	532sqft	19
Implementation Date		
2023-05-01		
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High School Floor Plan 2.jpeg		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #
Freedom Area SHS		204
School Building		Building Description
Senior High		A building in which general education programs are operated
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom
31 feet, 6 inches x 25 feet, 3 inches	795sqft	28
Implementation Date		
2023-05-01		
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High School Floor Plan 2.jpeg		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #
Freedom Area SHS		222
School Building		Building Description
Senior High		A building in which general education programs are operated
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom
31 feet, 1 inches x 27 feet, 3 inches	847sqft	30
Implementation Date		
2023-05-01		
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High School Floor Plan 2.jpeg		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area SHS		116	
School Building		Building Description	
Senior High		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
29 feet, 10 inches x 27 feet, 3 inches	812sqft	29	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities		
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction		
The class is readily accessible		
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student		

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area MS		F117	
School Building		Building Description	
Middle		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	<b>Classroom Area Measurement</b>	Max # of students in classroom	
33 feet, 0 inches x 12 feet, 8 inches	418sqft	14	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities		
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction		
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction		
The class is readily accessible		
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student		

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area MS		F109	
School Building		Building Description	
Middle		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
30 feet, 8 inches x 31 feet, 11 inches	978sqft	34	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
Uploaded Files			
Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf	·		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities		
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction		
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name	Room #
Freedom Area MS	F125

School Building		Building Description	
Middle		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements Classroom Area Measurement		Max # of students in classroom	
33 feet, 3 inches x 15 feet, 8 inches	520sqft	18	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction		
The class is readily accessible		
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student		

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area MS		E106	
School Building		Building Description	
Middle		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
25 feet, 7 inches x 31 feet, 7 inches	808sqft	28	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf			

Assurance Cl	eck	Yes	No	

The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area MS		E118	
School Building		Building Description	
Middle		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
31 feet, 5 inches x 22 feet, 5 inches 704sqft		25	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name	Room #
Freedom Area MS	C127
School Building	Building Description
Middle	A building in which general education programs are operated

Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom
42 feet, 4 inches x 26 feet, 7 inches	1125sqft	40
Implementation Date		
2023-05-01		
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area El Sch		B214	
School Building		Building Description	
Elementary		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	<b>Classroom Area Measurement</b>	Max # of students in classroom	
23 feet, 10 inches x 39 feet, 4 inches 937sqft		33	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Elementary Floor Plan Second Floor (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	

The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area El Sch		B210	
School Building		Building Description	
Elementary		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
12 feet, 8 inches x 16 feet, 9 inches 212sqft		7	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Elementary Floor Plan Second Floor (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction		
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area El Sch		B209	
School Building		Building Description	
Elementary		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
23 feet, 9 inches x 24 feet, 9 inches	587sqft	20	

Implementation Date	
2023-05-01	
Uploaded Files	
Elementary Floor Plan Second Floor (1).pdf	

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area El Sch		A102	
School Building		Building Description	
Elementary		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
43 feet, 9 inches x 23 feet, 9 inches 1039sqft		37	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Elementary Floor Plan First Floor (1)	.pdf		

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	

The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	
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Building Name		Room #	
Freedom Area El Sch		D110	
School Building		Building Description	
Elementary		A building in which general education programs are operated	
Classroom Measurements	Classroom Area Measurement	Max # of students in classroom	
31 feet, 8 inches x 22 feet, 6 inches 712sqft		25	
Implementation Date			
2023-05-01			
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Middle School Floor Plan (1).pdf			

Assurance Check	Yes	No
The class is maintained as close as appropriate to the ebb and flow of usual school activities	Yes	
The class is located where noise will not interfere with instruction	Yes	
The class is located only in space that is designed for purposes of instruction	Yes	
The class is readily accessible	Yes	
The class is composed of at least 28 square feet per student	Yes	

# Special Education Support Services Special Education Support Services

Special Education Support Services	Numerical Value	Primary Location	Contractor or District
Director of Special Education	1	District Wide	District
School Psychologist	1	District Wide	District
Physical Therapist	1	District Wide	Contractor
Occupational Therapist	2	District Wide	Contractor
Guidance Counselor	2	Elementary	District
Guidance Counselor	2	Secondary	District
Behavior Specialist	1	Elementary	Contractor
Paraprofessionals	19	Elementary	District
Paraprofessionals	9	Secondary	District

# **Special Education Personnel Development**

# **Autism**

# **Description of Training**

Freedom Area School District will continue its efforts to provide appropriate staff training for teachers responsible for working with students within the Autism Spectrum. The district has maintained a collaborative working arrangement with PATTAN, BVIU, and PDE Webinar sessions; continuation of the partnership among all these providers will take place in addressing training for the district's staff. The district will maintain sign in sheets to verify attendance as well as maintain agendas on specific topics addressed.

Lead Person/Position		Year of Training 20	023-2026
Building Principals, Director of Special Education			
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience
2	2	District Intermediate Unit Other	Building Administrators General Education Teachers Paraprofessionals Special Education Teachers

# **Positive Behavior Support**

# **Description of Training**

The district offers crisis prevention training to staff in order to help in assisting with de-escalating crisis situations. The appropriate staff will become certified and recertified in CPI training provided by the district's School Psychologist on an as needed basis. Defined student behavioral expectations will be outlined for all areas of each school in the district. These expectations will also be taught through lessons from multiple sources for each area. On-going support will be given to these teams. Replication of this process will be considered at the secondary level to ensure consistency as students matriculate through our district. The district will utilize support from the prevention network as well as the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27 to help assist staff in developing appropriate behavioral modification techniques and supports. Also, the district collaborates with outside agencies to address specific behavioral needs of our students through the use of board certified behavior analysts.

Lead Person/Position	1	Year of Training	2023-2026
Building Principals, B Board Certified Beha of Special Education	ehavioral Specialists, vior Analysts, Director		
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience

6 2		District Intermediate Unit PaTTAN	Building Administrators Central Office Administrators General Education Teachers Paraprofessionals Special Education Teachers
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# **Paraprofessional**

# **Description of Training**

The BVIU provides the district with a yearly survey to offer more training for paraprofessionals that may be in need for re-certification. These survey results are then used to plan for professional development opportunities for paraprofessionals and staff within the district. In addition, the principals and special education coordinator meet with all paraprofessionals throughout the school year to review professional development opportunities and discuss roles and responsibilities. Each paraprofessional must complete the required professional development hours (20). However, in previous years the Freedom Area School District has tended to hire certified teachers as paraprofessionals in order to address student needs appropriately.

Lead Person/Position	Year of Training 2023-2026
Building Principals, Director of Special Education	

Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience
3	3	District Intermediate Unit PaTTAN	Paraprofessionals Special Education Teachers

# **Transition**

Description of Training

The Freedom Area School District provides all of its students the ability to transition seamlessly and successfully from high school to adult life. The District's goal is to maintain a positive and productive atmosphere for the students transitioning from grade to grade or from high school to adult life. The Freedom Area School District's goal is to ensure that students are prepared for the three phases of transition (post secondary, employment and independent living) upon graduation. The district also utilized naviance with the assistance of our Career Readiness Supervisor. Naviance is an online program where students each have a customized website that is used for career and college planning. Included is a scope and sequence of activities designed to help students figure out what career pathway is best suited for them. Self reflection surveys on students' strengths, interests, learning styles are used to help suggest what career path may be a good fit for the student. Research tools for colleges and careers are included that allow students to research post-secondary schools in depth and explore careers as well. The site also provides each student with a portfolio with all of the activities, surveys, tasks, and other artifacts to show the experiences they have in career planning. The Freedom Area School District focuses on the 20 Federal Indicators including those indicators for transition age students: #1, #2, #13 and #14 in its efforts to provide students with the most effective transition goals and planning which will lead to beneficial outcomes for students. Therefore, the primary focus for the district will be to maintain the current level pertaining to Indicators #1 and #2. In addressing Indicator's #13 and #14, the district will adhere to applying the six step process for developing transition IEP's required by IDEA and promoting student centered assessments, activities and outcomes for transition.

Lead Person/Position		Year of Training 2023-2026	
Teachers, Principals, Director of Special Education			
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience

3   Intermediate Unit   Building Administrators   Central Office Administrators   Special Education Teachers	
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# **Science of Literacy**

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Description of Training					
The district has worked with elementary school teachers to become trained in Heggerty, LETRS, and Orton Gillingham during the 2022-2023. These trainings will be expanded to other teachers in the elementary, middle, and high schools.					
Lead Person/Position		Year of Training	2023-2026		
Director of Special Education, Principals, Director of Teacher and Learning					
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience		

District Intermediate Unit PaTTAN Other  District Special Education Teachers Special Education Teachers	
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# **Parent Training**

# Description of Training The district plans to continue with training incoming parents of students with disabilities on special education programming within the district during Early Intervention transition meetings. The district will continue to expand parent trainings to include Autism, Social Emotional Learning, IDEA, and ADA (504) services.

Lead Person/Position		Year of Training 20	023-2026
Director of Special Education, Teachers, District Administrators			
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience

2	10	District Intermediate Unit Other	General Education Teachers Parents Special Education Teachers

# **IEP Development**

Description of Training					
The district works with the intermediate unit to provide training to special education teachers on IEP writing and development. The district plans to include parents and general education teachers in the upcoming school years.					
Lead Person/Position		Year of Training 2023-2026			
Director of Special Education, District Administrators, Teachers					
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience		

2	10	District Intermediate Unit PaTTAN Other	Building Administrators Central Office Administrators General Education Teachers Parents Paraprofessionals Special Education Teachers Other
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# **Social Emotional Learning**

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Description of Training				
The district implements a Social Emotional Learning curriculum K-12 and plan to continue to development the implementation of SEL programming into general education classrooms.				
Lead Person/Position		Year of Training	2023-2026	
Director of Special Education, Building Principals, Director of Teaching and Learning				
Hours Per Training	Number of Sessions	Provider	Audience	

2	10	District Intermediate Unit PaTTAN Other	Building Administrators Central Office Administrators General Education Teachers Parents Paraprofessionals Special Education Teachers Other
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# **Signatures & Affirmations**

Approval Date

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- x There are a full range of services, programs and alternative placements available to the school district for placement and implementation of the special education programs in the school district.
- x The school district has adopted a child find system to locate, identify and evaluate young children and children who are thought to be a child with a disability eligible for special education residing within the school district's jurisdiction. Child find data is collected, maintained, and used in decision-making. Child find process and procedures are evaluated for its effectiveness. The school district implements mechanisms to disseminate child find information to the public, organizations, agencies, and individuals on at least an annual basis.
- x The school district has adopted policies and procedures that assure that students with disabilities are included in general education programs and extracurricular and non-academic programs and activities to the maximum extent appropriate in accordance with an Individualized Education Program.
- x The school district will comply with the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education's revision notice process.
- x The school district follows the state and federal guidelines for participation of students with disabilities in state and district-wide assessments including the determination of participation, the need for accommodations, and the methods of assessing students for whom regular assessment is not appropriate.
- x The school district affirms the Pennsylvania Department of Education that funds received through participation in the medical assistance reimbursement program, ACCESS, will be used to enhance or expand the current level of services and programs provided to students with disabilities in this local education agency.

Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Date