

St. Cloud Area School District 742
Student Services/Special Education Department
Descriptive Information

- ❖ Enrollment of 13,373 (December 1, 2007 - Child Count Report).
 - Public school enrollment is 10,361. Increased by 159 students.
 - Non-public enrollment is 3,021.
 - 22 nonpublic schools.
 - Includes 220 home schooled children.

- ❖ Special education services are available in public schools, nonpublic schools, Riverwoods, Sheriffs Youth Program, Youth Learning Center, and the St. Cloud Hospital.

- ❖ The number of special education students in public and non-public schools was 2,048 or 15.3% of enrollment. This is an increase of 89 students from last year's count.
 - Although the difference in the Unduplicated Child Count from December 1, 2006, to December 1, 2007, is 89 students, there are actually a total of 514 students who were part of the 2007 Child Count that were not included in the 2006 Child Count. This number represents 25% of the total Unduplicated Child Count. If one considers both the students new to the Child Count in 2007 and those no longer on the Child Count that were active on December 1, 2006, this would equal a change in population of 939 students of the 2,048 students reported on December 1, 2007.
 - Almost 23% of the 514 students new to the Child Count were students who transferred into District 742 with active IEPs since December 1, 2006. The percent of the total District enrollment who transfer into the District in any given year is normally around 12% – (13.2% in 2005-06 and 10.9% in 2006-07). Thus, there is evidence that the percent of special education students that transfer into District 742 is considerably higher than the percent of non-special education students who transfer into the District. It should be noted that these percentages are different from the District Mobility Rate which also includes within District transfers.
 - See attachment for child count data for comparison districts from the Special Education Study.

- ❖ 7.7% (892/11,624) of the total number of students served in 2006/2007 were non-residents.

- ❖ 7.1% (820/11,624) of the total number of students served in 2006/2007 were in programs for students in out of home placements or partial hospitalization. Sixty-two percent (510/820) of these students were non-residents.¹

¹ 228 non-resident students received special education services during 2007/2008. 42% of these students attended programs at the Riverwoods School.

- ❖ The overall mobility rate in 2005/2006 was 20.1%².
 - Rates in individual schools ranged from 7.6% to 675%.
 - Overall mobility rate for programs serving students in out of home placements or partial hospitalization was 323.4% and ranged from 240% to 675%.
 - Our mobility rate (20.1%) is higher than all of the area districts and four of the five comparison districts from the Special Education Study (we were lower than Duluth).
 - Mobility rates for area districts ranged from 4.83% to 9.67%.
 - Rates for districts such as Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Becker and Big Lake range from 6.6% to 9.1%.

- ❖ The Area Learning Center served 983 students in 2006/2007. Over 18% (178/983) of these students were non-resident. The Area Learning Center also has a high mobility rate (68.9% in 2005/2006).

- ❖ 161 students served in 2006/2007 were homeless. 228 homeless students were served in 2005/2006. The estimated number of homeless students served during 2007/2008 is 239.

- ❖ Group homes, including foster homes, in our district have the capacity to serve over 100 students.

- ❖ 64 students had 504 plans during 2007/2008.

² Mobility data was not available for 2006/2007.