



# Supporting our Students with Autism

## Presentation for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Linking Instructional Needs and Key Supports (LINKS Team)



# Department Overview

The LINKS Team promotes collaboration among parents, students, and educators to ensure students and their families have the necessary services available for success and provides direct services, classroom consultation, professional learning, and supplemental program for Autism classrooms. (Guide to Student Services, 2020-2021)

# Focused Support Overview

## Autism

Support teachers through Professional Learning (PL) sessions and consulting with teachers on a referral basis to address individual or whole class needs.

## ARL/ARC

Direct support, coaching, modeling, and mentoring for Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) and Certification (ARC) teachers

## SB-IIS

School-Based Intensive Intervention Services (SB-IIS) are a short term supplementary service to increase “learning to learn” behaviors as designated in a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP)

## Connection Center

Families engage in specific training to address their child’s behavioral goals in everyday living situations.

# Starting the Year

## Professional Learning

36 sessions

5545 attendees (most have attended multiple sessions)

## Lesson Plan Project

6 weeks of lesson plans in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social/Emotional (SEL)

6 weeks of printable instructional packets

## Video Tutorials

73 videos total for both LINKS consultation support use and for CCSD video library for teachers and parents

## Student/ Family/ Teacher Support

42 Connection Center sessions (parent training)

80 students SB-IIS

162 Autism Focused Service Requests

Office hours

# Distance Learning Support

## Supporting Resources

iPad & Assistive  
Technology Deployment

Lesson Plans

Video Tutorials

Materials Development  
and Delivery

## Professional Learning

Traditional ↔ Virtual

Afternoon/Evening  
Options

Distance Learning  
Focused

## Teacher Support

Virtual Consultations

Virtual Class/Student  
Observations

Written Service  
Summaries

Weekly Office Hours

## Student & Family Support

Connection Center

SB-IIS Assessment

SB-IIS Direct  
Support/  
Consultation

# Transitioning to Hybrid/Full-time

## Student Awareness

What will school look like?  
Behavior Expectations

## Student Skills

Social Distancing  
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)  
Hygiene

## Teacher Support

Preparedness Support  
Triage  
Ongoing Consultation

## Staff Support

De-escalation Training  
Principles of Positive Reinforcement Training



## CLOSING COMMENTS and QUESTIONS