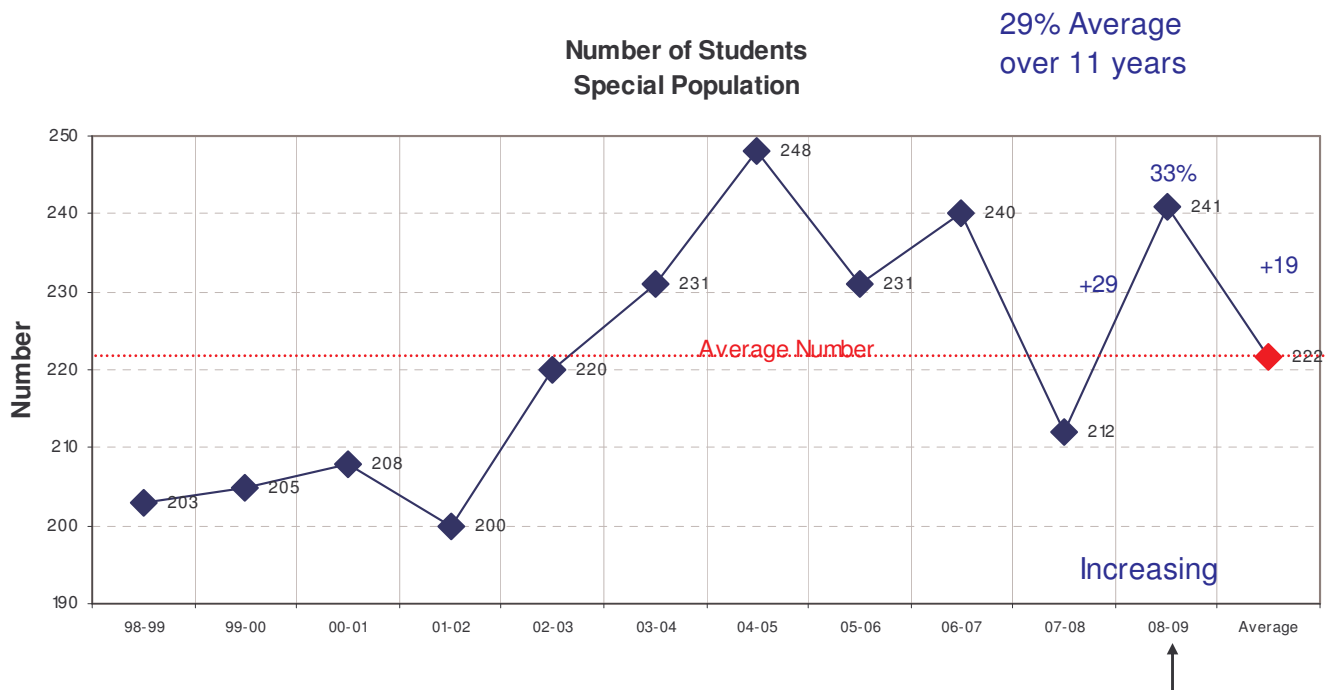


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Special Education

On February 11th, Jan met with special education supervisors from six of our sending school districts to tour the Transition Center and discuss curriculum ideas for three program areas: Food Service; Custodial and Hotel Housekeeping. A follow up meeting will be held on March 4th at ECTS. Several vendors will demonstrate their curriculum materials.

Pat and Jan met with Erie county special education supervisors at the Intermediate Unit on February 13th. We discussed our current statistics on special education students, math and reading levels in our programs and other information related to appropriate placement in our programs.



ECTS Literacy

On Monday, January 26th we started the new Numeracy/Literacy schedule Monday through Friday. Each day, for the first 15-25 minutes of class, our students have been asked to read, write, or do math and on Fridays they do them all. With Reader Response Wednesdays, we have asked our students to write their opinions on the short articles that have been presented to them. Each one of the activities has been created to give our students the experience and practice in reading, writing and math. Our goal is to help our students with the PSSA exams and to support them with the job skills needed to obtain and keep a job in today's market.

Curriculum Development

A DACUM workshop was held for the Facilities Maintenance Technology program on February 19th and 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Nine expert workers and supervisors from local business and industry served on the panel to provide input as to what should be included in our curriculum.

Businesses/Entities Represented

City of Erie Plumbing Department
Erie County Technical School
General McLane School District
Girard School District
Lord Corporation
Mechanical Contractors Association of Northwest PA
Rabe Environmental Systems, Inc.
Scott Enterprises

The outcome, a DACUM Research Chart, will be shared with the program's occupational advisory committee members at our spring meeting.