

A. Description of overall philosophy:

Morris Jeff Community school provides special education and related services according to the federal mandates of the Individual with Disabilities Act and the regulations of the state of Louisiana. The Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 ensures that all eligible children with a disability who are in need of special education receive a free appropriate public education. IDEA mandates that eligible students receive individualized instruction specially designed to meet the unique needs of the learner. To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or other educational facilities, are to be educated with children who are not disabled. In addition, to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities are to participate with non-disabled peers in both non-academic and extracurricular activities. Unless the individualized education program for the child with disabilities requires some other arrangement, the child is to be educated in the school that they would attend if they were not disabled.

At Morris Jeff Community School all students with disabilities are a part of their grade homeroom class community. Students are provided a continuum of services as per their IEP. Services are provided both inside the classroom and/or in other settings as required by their IEP. The philosophy of MJCS is to ensure that every student with a disability is a part of their grade level, classroom, and school community.

B. Name and contact information for special education coordinator (school and, if applicable, network)

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| School Leader of Special Education Programming; Contact Information | Shawn Gruenig 504-373-6258 |
| CMO Leader of Special Education Programming; Contact Information (if different) | Shawn Gruenig |

C. Data Snapshots

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| 2023-24 enrollment rate of students with disabilities served by the school | 14.8% |
| 2022-23 in school and out of school suspension rate of students with disabilities served by the school | 19% |
| 2022-2023 number of students with disabilities who are removed for disciplinary reasons for more than 10 school days in one academic year | 1 |

D. Description of how pupil appraisal special education, and related services are provided by the school

Appraisal/Evaluation

Main point of contact if a parent would like to request an evaluation

Shawn Gruenig
504-373-6258

Response to Intervention Overview

Examples of universal screeners:

- STAR Math and Reading
- DiBELS 8th Amplify
- LETRS PAST- Phonological Awareness Screening Test K-3
- mySaebers - social/emotional
- Review of Behavior referrals and
- Classroom management data: Class DoJo (PYP) and HERO (MS/HS)

Examples of reading interventions:

- Lexia
- Phonics Blitz
- UFLI Foundations -An explicit and systematic phonics program 1st-5th
- Heggerty Kdg.
- A-Z Reading
- Amplify Instruction
- Wit and Wisdom Deep Dives

Examples of math interventions:

- XtraMath
- Zearn

Examples of behavior interventions:

- Check in/out
- Behavior Tracker
- Social Skills groups
- Second Step
- SEL Enrichment

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| <p>School Building Level Committee (SBLC)</p> <p>Student Assistance Team (SAT)</p> | <p>Members of the Student Assistance Team (SAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAT Coordinator ● Reading Interventionist (as needed) ● General Education Teacher ● School Counselor (as needed) ● PBIS Coordinator (as needed) ● Special Education Department representation ● Speech Therapist (as needed) ● Occupational Therapist (as needed) <p>Example engagements with parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter regarding interventions on a quarterly basis ● Invitation to SAT meetings <p>Example decisions SBLC team can make:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Movement through RtI Tiers ● Intervention programming and progress monitoring decisions ● Special Education Referral ● 504 Referral |
| <p>Appraisal Team</p> | <p>Members of appraisal team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Psychologist ● Educational Diagnostician ● General Education Teacher ● Special Education Teacher (as needed) ● Counselor (as needed) ● Related Services (as needed) ● Parent |
| | <p>Example engagements with parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone call with parents regarding concerns ● Invitation to meeting via letter and/or email ● In-Person Parent Meeting <p>Example decisions appraisal team can make:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluation decisions regarding special education or 504 ● Classify student with an exceptionality through LA BESE Bulletin 1508 guidelines and the e ● Suggested educational needs of the student are identified ● Student not classified with exceptionality under IDEA: the student may then be referred back to SAT/RtI for consideration of other potential services (e.g. 504 Accommodation Plan, tiered academic and/or behavioral supports). |

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| <i>Instructional and Related Services Provision and Staffing</i> | |
| Specialized Instruction | <p># Special Education Teachers: 15 # Paraprofessionals: 30 # SPED Coordinator: 3 # Interventionist: 2 Examples of curricula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Failure Free Reading ● Life Skills ● LLI ● Lexia ● Read Naturally ● Achieve 3000 ● Visualizing Verbalizing ● Wilson ● KeyMath ● Pirate Math ● ST Math ● Number Rockets ● SuperFlex ● Second Step ● Coping Cat ● ART ● IXL |
| Speech/language | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 3.4 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a</p> |
| Audiology | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:</p> |

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| Counseling (mental health and other therapies) | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 6 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:</p> |
| Occupational therapy | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 2 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a</p> |
| Physical therapy | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a</p> |
| Health/Nursing services | <p># On staff or contracted from external provider: 2 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a</p> |
| Orientation and mobility services and accessibility (including interpreting services) | <p>Describe accessibility accommodations available to students: New building that is ADA compliant # On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a</p> |

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| Adaptive physical education | # On staff or contracted from external provider: 1 If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a |
| Specialized Transportation | Methods of transportation: Contracted Service If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future: n/a |
| Assistive Technology | Examples of supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Computers ● Touch Screens ● Sensory Equipment ● Adaptive tools ● Hi-Lo Tech communications devices ● Adaptive furniture |

| E. Description of how the school plans to provide the continuum of special education placements for students whose IEP placement is outside of the regular education setting | | | |
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| <i>School-based Supports (in-school)</i> | | | |
| | Description of Supports within Inclusion | Description of Supports within Resource | Description of Supports within Self-Contained |
| <p>At MJCS we provide a continuum of services. The supports we have available in each of these various settings are available to all special education students all the time regardless of setting. Although a student's placement may change the supports they need will be provided to them based on what they need per their IEP, not solely based on the location/setting of the services.</p> | | | |
| PK – 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special education teachers ● Shared planning time ● Small groups ● Individual instruction ● Technology ● Modification of work/standards ● Accommodations ● Personalized learning programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special education teachers ● Shared planning time ● Small groups ● Individual instruction ● Technology ● Modification of work/standards ● Accommodations ● Personalized learning programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special education teachers ● Shared planning time ● Small groups ● Individual instruction ● Technology ● Modification of work/standards ● Accommodations ● Personalized learning programs |

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| Description of extended school year services: | <p>Identification: Morris Jeff Community School identifies students in need of ESY services according to the guidelines in Bulletin 1706 and 1530. (e.g. Regression Recoupment, Critical Point of Instruction, and Special Circumstances)</p> <p>Delivery: MJCS provides services as outlined on each student's ESY IEP; this typically includes special instruction and related services as determined by the IEP team.</p> | | |

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| <p>Description of specialized program(s):</p> | <p>Criteria for participation: MJCS determines participation based on information and data collection and analysis. Participation is based on individual student needs per their IEP.</p> <p>Delivery: MJCS accesses a continuum of services that includes regular setting, resource setting, separate setting, separate school and homebound services.</p> |
| <p><i>Community-based Supports (out-of-school)</i></p> | |
| <p>Key Partnerships</p> | <p>Partner and services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MJFP – family partnership ● Light of Knowledge-VI support ● Riley Educational Concsupport ● Metropolitan Family Services – mental behavioral health ● NSNO – Leadership support ● Young Cypress Psychology - School Psychologist & Educational diagnostician ● Brennan Behavioral Group - Behavior Supports |
| <p>Other out-of-school instruction and supports (e.g. special school, therapeutic placement, hospital or homebound setting, juvenile detention facility, etc.)</p> | <p>Methods of instruction and service delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Therapeutic Day Programs ● Hospital Homebound Services ● Before/After school programs ● Extracurricular sports and clubs ● Special School ● Juvenile detention facility ● Students are provided services and instruction as determined by the student’s IEP and separate setting instructional staff. Students placed on Homebound services received a minimum of 4 hours of core academic instruction in addition to requirements according to their IEP services/related services. Students receive both direct services and homework assignments/projects/work packets to be completed. Students may also participate in online instructional programming. Students may receive related service supports, assistive technology and communication supports. <p>If not currently providing service, plan to deliver service in future:</p> |