



# Special Education Scoop

Special Services Department Newsletter

March 3, 2026



*Spotlight on Special Services*

## Literacy for All: Tell Me

Tell Me is an emergent literacy program designed to teach communication skills through the lens of shared reading and shared writing activities.

Evidence-based practices of repeated readings of familiar picture stories, modeling of core vocabulary, songs, and predictable writing charts engage

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paraeducators, and related service staff have been trained in both the Tell Me Preschool and Tell Me Too programs for elementary and secondary students with complex communication needs and/or significant cognitive impairments.

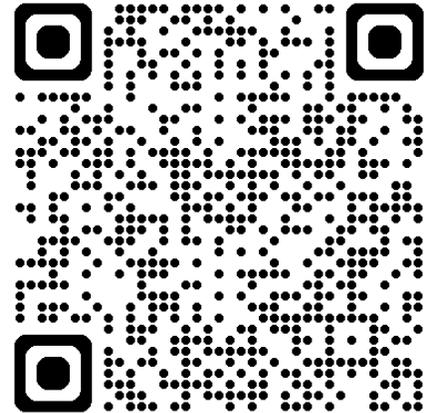
**All students have the potential to become literate with the right assistive technology and scaffolds in place and over the years we've seen our most complex students develop a love of reading through this program.**



## Quarter 3 Progress Reports Coming Due Soon

### Update Goal Data and Plan to Send Home By March 27 Deadline

Each person providing service(s) enters goal data into Enrich. Case managers check for completion of progress on all goals and send the completed progress report home to parents. They can be provided in person, snail mailed or emailed via secure email. Put an entry into each student's contact log in Enrich to indicate when and how the progress report was provided to parents and adult students.



Reminders/guidance if needed:

[Adding Goal Data in Enrich.docx](#)

[Progress Reports - How To.docx](#)

**\*MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CASE MANAGERS:** Please include the QR code above and the link below to the postsecondary transition newsletter in your email home:

[Adulthood Unlocked- 2025-2026 Quarter 3 Family Newsletter](#)

If you have a family that requires a printed version, please use this pdf. Just know that they will be unable to open the links, videos, etc. PDF to print if needed: [Adulthood Unlocked Transition Newsletter, Vol 4, 25-26 Qtr 3.pdf](#)

## All Special Education Staff Meetings This Week

Join Live Thursday Middle School 7:35-8:05, High School 2:45-3:15

OR

Friday Elementary 8:15-8:45

If you are unable to attend please please listen to the recording.

Recordings and the agenda will be posted in this Newsletter for the entire month.

Thank you!

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### Resources and Links

#### Resources: General Education and Beyond

##### Our Students are General Education Students First and the LRE Matters

Our goal is to provide our students with the specialized instruction and supports necessary for them to access their education in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Therefore, because our target success in general education it is important for us to know and understand the general education system and processes. We will include links to newsletters and other helpful information here!

## Postsecondary Information/Updates

### **New Financial Literacy Resources**

The Idaho Competitive Integrated Employment Center (ICIE) has launched a new Financial Literacy Resources webpage to support youth with disabilities and the teams that work with them. The webpage brings together resources on money management, work and income, benefits, daily living skills, consumer safety, and legal and financial rights.

[Explore the Financial Literacy Webpage](#)

### **Community Compass Launch**

Community Compass is a new program that supports Idaho youth with disabilities ages 10 to 24 and the people who support them that provides resources and activities that help youth explore their future, build important skills, and connect with people and services that support success in work, school, and life. Community Compass helps youth strengthen self-advocacy, create a plan for adulthood, explore Competitive Integrated Employment, and find local resources. It can be used by educators, families and youth just beginning to think about their future or those already taking steps toward their goals.

## Upcoming Events

### **Advancing Adventures in Communication: AAC Camp**

Registration is live for 2026 AAC Camp! This week-long day camp at ISU Meridian is from June 2-5, 2026. This year's focus is on peer engagement, building friendships, and having fun while using communication devices. Please share the registration link with parents of potential campers!

[2026 AAC Camp Details & Registration Link](#)

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## **Enrich IEP Office Hours**

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**Enrich IEP Office Hours** are open, *optional* times that teachers and staff may join at any point to ask specific questions and get help with Enrich and completing *your* students' special education paperwork. These meetings can be especially helpful for staff who are new to Enrich, our district or state. Members of the Special Services Team are automatically sent an invitation to these office hours. Please feel free to choose Decline,

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entire time or even to join at all. Pop in and out of the meeting, if you wish or ignore it altogether. Even if you decline meetings when they are sent out, you can go back through the Posts in the General channel of the Special Services team and find links to meetings.

### Upcoming office hours

Thursday, 3/5, 8:30-10:00

Monday, 3/9, 1:00-2:30

Wednesday, 3/25, 9:30-11:00

If you are not receiving the email notifications or want to be added to a session, please contact [keith.gaye@westada.org](mailto:keith.gaye@westada.org) to be sure you are a member of the Special Services Team.

**Enrich FAQ HERE!**

**Running Special Education Reports in Enrich**

## **March All Special Education Staff Meetings**

**Find your Recordings and Agendas Here**

Coming Soon!

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## Meetings

### Upcoming Secondary and Elementary Meeting Dates

**March 5, March 31, April 28 - Secondary All Special Education Staff Meetings:**

Middle School 7:35-8:05, High School 2:45-3:15

**March 6, April 3, May 1 Elementary All Special Education Staff Meetings**  
8:15-8:45

## Information From Previous Newsletters

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March 4 College and Career Fair Details

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- March 16-20 Spring Break
- March 27 Progress reports on all goals due home
- June 8 - 26 -Extended School Year (ESY) D

## Emailing For Special Services Needs

### 25-26 Special Services Department Contact Info Sheet

Need to contact someone in Special Services but not sure who? Click on the info sheet button to find us!

<mailto:DSCSped@westada.org> - General Special Ed Needs (i.e. material requests, general questions)

<mailto:Spedrecords@westada.org> - Student transfers (records), and Enrich question or issue

<mailto:Specialtransportation@westada.org> - Transportation requests/transportation issues

<mailto:Medicaid@westada.org> - Medicaid documents



## Helpful Links

NEED HELP?

[Click here to submit a HelpDesk ticket](#)

- [Idaho Special Education Manual 2024](#)

60-DAY TIMELINE CALCULATOR

- [60-Day Timeline Calculator](#)

IDAHO IEP GUIDANCE HANDBOOK

- [Idaho IEP Guidance Handbook](#)

IESDB STAFF BUILDING ASSIGNMENTS

2025-26

- [IESDB WESTADA School Assignments 25-26.pdf](#)

INCIDENT REPORT

- [Incident Report? Click here to submit](#)

BEHAVIOR AND REINFORCEMENT ONLINE VIDEO TRAININGS

- [Behavior 101: Why do you keep doing that?](#)
- [Reinforcement 101: Clearing up Misconceptions](#) (formerly Behavior 102)

DISTRICT & STATE ASSESSMENT ACCOMMODATION GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

- [Accommodation Guidance - State Assessments](#)

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FORM INSTRUCTIONS

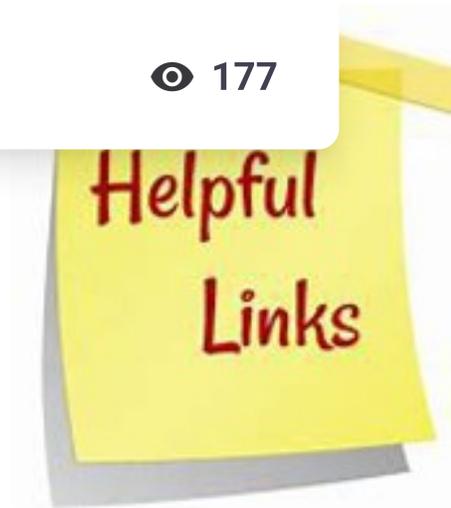
- [Mileage Reimbursement form instructions.docx](#)

PAST NEWSLETTERS

- [Previous Newsletters](#)

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF WASD

1. [Special Education Records File Transfer Process - 8.2.24](#)



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