

Lincoln Public Schools
Specialized Programs
Spring 2024-2025



Number of Students Eligible for Special Education

LINCOLN

Number of Students on IEPs	K through grade 8
127	120 Serviced In District
	7 Out of District
	No services only

HANSCOM

Number of Students on IEPs	K through grade 8
110	95 Serviced In District
	22 Out of District
	1 Services only

Lincoln PreSchool

Number of Students on IEPs	Pre-K through grade 8
36	32 Serviced In District
	4 Out of District Programs
	No services only

Number of Initial Evaluations Preschool

Year	Number of Open Evaluations By October 1	Total Evaluations Completed by EOY
2020-2021*	11	39
2021-2022	8	50
2022-2023	9	32
2023-2024	12	34
2024-2025	4	32

NUMBER OF INITIAL EVALUATIONS

Lincoln and Hanscom K-8

LINCOLN

Initial Evaluations	Lincoln K-8
2020-2021	28
2021-2022	38
2022-2023	30
2023-2024	40
2024-2025	27

HANSCOM

Initial Evaluations	HPS K-8
2020-2021	37
2021-2022	39
2022-2023	32
2023-2024	37
2024-2025	28

Why Do We Have Specialized Programs?



Specialized Program In Lincoln Public Schools

Foundations Lincoln:

9 Students

1 teacher, .6 School Psychologist, 3 Tutors

Grades K-4

Bridge:

5 Students

1 teacher, 1 tutor

Grades 5-8

Foundations Hanscom:

6 Students

1 teacher, 3 tutors

Grades K-3

STARR

10 Students

2 teachers, 1 Tutor

Grades 5-8

Program descriptions are available on the Special Education/Student Services page on the LPS website.

<https://www.lincnet.org/Page/6003>

Why Do We Have Specialized Programs

- To ensure kids have access to the Least Restrictive Environment in their community
- To provide maximum amount of opportunities for Inclusion
- Fiscal Benefits

The Bridge Program

- Provides a flexible model that can serve general and special education students with a wide range of service delivery
- Provides services ranging from full inclusion to substantially separate programming with the opportunity for inclusion
- Students are able to receive and access to a therapeutic setting and social, emotional and behavioral supports throughout their day

The Foundations Program

- Provides services ranging from full inclusion to substantially separate programming with maximizing opportunities for inclusion
- Students are able to receive specifically designed instruction and access to a therapeutic setting and social, emotional and behavioral supports throughout their day
- Trauma informed practices are embedded into all aspects of programming

The STARR Program

- Specialized Targeted Academic Resource Room (STARR)
- Provides significant modification to the academic curriculum that begins at instructional level and moves toward grade level material based on their individual needs
- Provides support within general education setting to access modified curriculum and maximize inclusion opportunities during instruction

Fiscal Summary of Specialized Programs



Estimated OOD Placement Costs FY '26

\$ 88,000 Tuition Estimate FY '26

(per pupil based upon average of CASE tuition)

\$ 9,836.50 Transportation Estimate FY '26

\$ 97,836.50 Total Out Of District Cost for one student

In-District Program	Students	Program Cost	Comparable Out-of-District Cost*	Program Cost Avoidance
Foundations Hanscom	6	\$193,584	\$587,019	\$393,435
Foundations Lincoln	9	\$246, 643	\$880,528.50	\$633, 885
Bridge	5	\$149,523	\$459,183	\$309,659
STARR	10	\$261, 533.50	\$978,365	\$716,831.50

Current Needs

Fall 2025



Expansion of the STARR Program

Cohort of 4 students

- Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Require significant modification to the academic curriculum that is presented at instructional level
- Require specialized instructional approaches

Expanding STARR down to Lincoln K-4 to meet all of our student's needs