

Itinerant Special Education staffing levels-Worcester Public Schools

A. Worcester Public School itinerant staff is assigned by the System-wide Department Head for each division. Assignments take into consideration not only the total number of students assigned but the complexity of the student issues and the number of buildings the staff member is assigned to service. Current staff to student ratios are as follows:

Occupational Therapy

Total students on IEPs or 504s with OT services = 608

Total number of staff = 20.4

Average caseload = 30 per staff member

Physical Therapy

Total students on IEPs or 504s with PT services = 229

Total number of staff = 10

Average caseload = 22 per staff member

B. Itinerant Special Education staffing levels and/or caps -Boston Public Schools

The maximum caseloads for “non-classroom” personnel shall be as follows:

Occupational Therapists - Occupational therapists shall have a maximum average annual system wide caseload of one occupational therapist to thirty-four (34) assigned students. The maximum individual caseload shall not exceed forty-five (45). Effective 9/1/07, the BPS will increase its allocation of occupational therapists by a net number of three in each year of the Agreement that expires on August 31, 2010 for a total of nine (9). Effective 9/1/07, BPS maintains flexibility to contract as needed in order to address compliance, caseload, leave, vacancies and any other unanticipated need not met by the staffing model in the preceding two paragraphs.

Physical Therapists - Physical therapists shall have a maximum average annual system wide caseload of one physical therapist to thirty-two (32) assigned students. The maximum individual caseload shall not exceed forty (40).