

Viable Virtual Solutions in Special Education



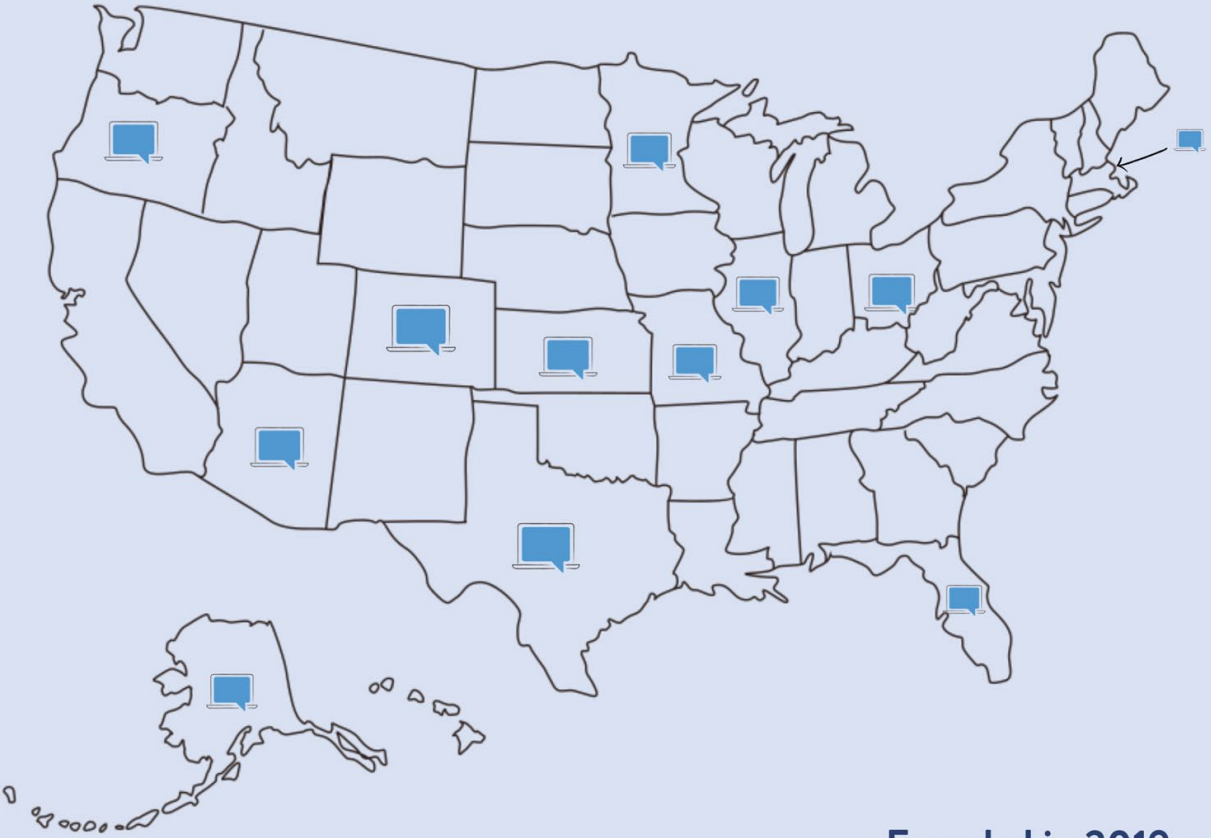
WYLIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



TELETEACHERS



About Us



Founded in 2019

Remote Services + Platform

Speech-Language Pathology

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

School Psychology

Mental Health Counseling

Special Education Instruction

The shortage is real.



Facebook.



“That won’t work.”





The Last Frontier

Then the pandemic hit...



Wylie ISD Partnership

- Collaboration and Partnership for:
 - Staff Training in Remote Services Delivery
 - Special Education Services
 - Music Therapy
 - Speech Language Pathology
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Visually Impaired - TVI
 - Students with Significant/Multiple Disabilities





WYLIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

~~18,359~~ Enrollment

43% White

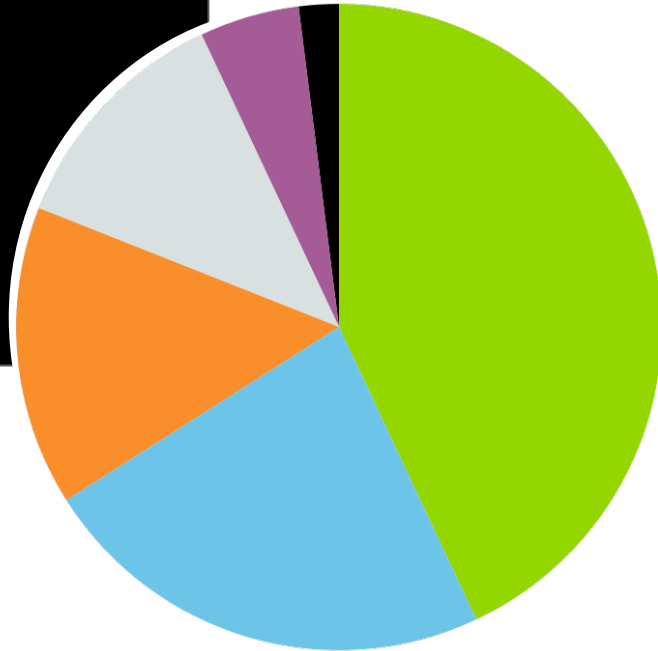
23% Hispanic

15% Black

12% Asian

5% Two or More

2% Other



28%

Economically Disadvantaged

70

Languages spoken

709

Enrollment Gain





Special Education

2,270

Students (12.4%)

633

5 year increase

135

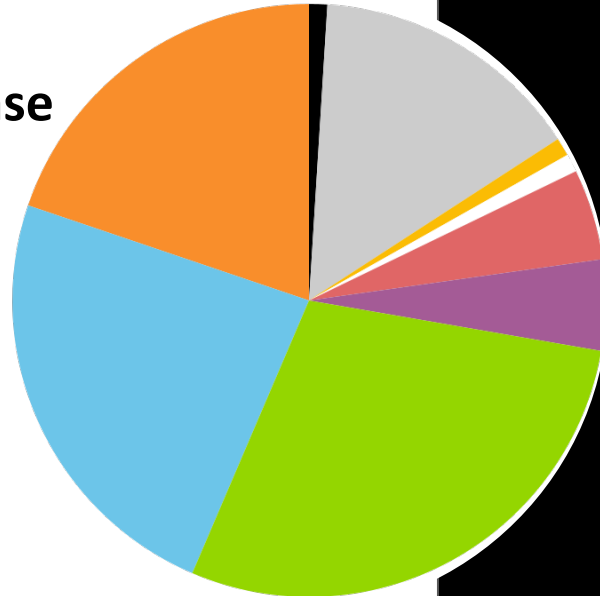
Teachers

185

Paras

78

Specialists



Disability Breakdown

- 29% Specific Learning Disability
- 24% Speech Impairment
- 20% Autism
- 15% Other Health Impairment
- 5% Intellectual Disability
- 5% Emotional Disturbance
- 1% Auditory Impairment
- 1% Visual Impairment





Service Logistics

- Trained, experienced online providers
- In-person facilitators
- Materials through US mail or email
- External cameras
- Appointments to consult with students/staff
- Hybrid model to mentor new staff



➔ Providing services when unable to staff





Student Connections

- Accessible for all students (1:1 technology)
- More students participate in services
 - Staffing shortage of teacher of visually impaired
- Older students can access anywhere
 - Decrease in secondary students avoidance
 - Less stigmatizing
- Increased student knowledge/use of accessibility features and digital skills

“Lesson times were flexible and it was easy to coordinate times. She was always available to answer questions and provide help and feedback. Overall, I learned new materials such as parts of the braille code and other digital skills.” - Alex Q.

Meeting student needs





Parent Involvement

- Increased flexibility for parents
- Increased parent involvement with staff
- Increased participation via virtual IEP meetings or hybrid meetings
- Increased participation in district sponsored Parent Learning



Increased relationship- building, communication,
and participation





Sustainability

- Part of a continuum of service options
- Different than Emergency Remote Learning
- Supports student technology preparedness
- Equal opportunity/access for ALL students to learn technology
- Broaden teacher resources for instruction with campus based teachers



~~“That won’t work.”~~

“This is working!”



Federally mandated

Special Education

Speech-Language Pathology Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy
School Psychology Mental Health Counseling Special Education Instruction

7 million

STUDENTS REQUIRE
SPECIAL EDUCATION

10M+

YOUTH SUFFER FROM MENTAL
HEALTH DISORDERS



**Half of all TEXAS school districts have no
mental health services.**

[CBSNews Report](#)



Why?

1. Getting schools onboard
2. Finding enough certified mental health providers



Technology for Behavioral Health

- FREE mental health services actively being delivered in 59 of 64 counties in Colorado
- Deliver in-person & online mental health services
- Funded by a state grant from Colorado
- 100+ providers on platform
- 15,000 sessions delivered
- 4,600 screeners completed and growing!



Screening



Onboarding



Provider matching



Scheduling



Session Management



Reporting

I Matter.

COLORADO
Office of Behavioral Health
Department of Human Services

I found someone to talk to about my emotions.

Understand yours.
Find someone to talk to for free at [IMatterColorado.org](https://www.imattercolorado.org)

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Thank you



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