



## FY 2017 Recommended Budget Budget Question

**Board Question #: 72**

**BUDGET QUESTION:** How many of the special education students actually physically attend Spotsylvania schools. How long are their days? How many are being transported to other special schools or facilities for their educational needs?

**RESPONSE:** Based on the December 1, 2015 Special Education Child Count, we were serving a total of 2834 students eligible under IDEA. Of that student population, 97 were placed outside of the school division in private day and/or residential facilities. Most students in the school division, follow the set schedule, based on their respective grade levels. We do have a few students at Gateway Academy that participate in an extended school day to meet their educational needs and impact of disability.

As of today, we are transporting 800 special needs students to Spotsylvania schools and 50 special needs students to alternative placements. Depending on the student and their placement, ride times range from 30 minutes to 90 minutes.