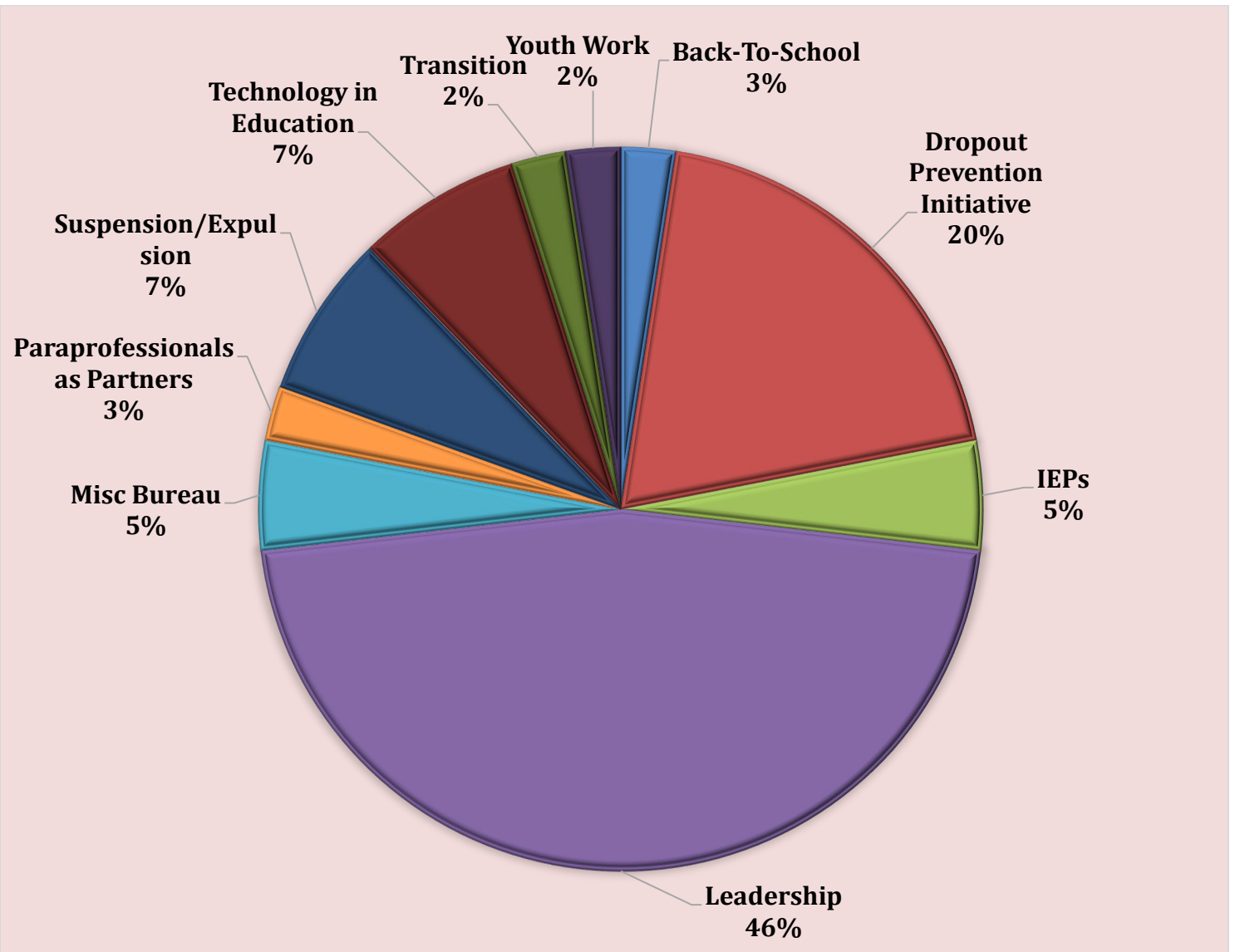


STATE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER 31, 2023 SERC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

In collaboration with the CSDE Bureau of Special Education, SERC continues to design, coordinate, and implement all special education programming to support educators, leaders, youth, and families throughout the 2023-2024 year.

- The 2023-2024 listing of all Special Education training and technical assistance activities to support the work of the Bureau of Special Education have been posted to the SERC Professional Development calendar and the CSDE Events calendar regularly for educators/families to register for: <https://ctserc.org/events> and <https://nctrumba.com/> SERC, in collaboration with the CSDE Bureau of Special Education, developed “Calendars at a Glance” for the <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/The-Bureau-Bulletin/2023/Calendars-At-a-Glance-for-Top-Initiatives-at-your-fingertips> to support Training and Technical Assistance sessions around the various annual performance report indicators (APR). Both our virtual and in-person sessions are well underway.
- SERC remains a critical partner with CSDE to support the Attendance/Engagement/Chronic Absenteeism and School Discipline Collaborative work for the 2023- 2024 school year. SERC continues to support the LEAP 101 (Learner Engagement and Attendance Program) trainings (LEAP approach to relational home visits) held monthly in collaboration with CREC. We continue to collaborate with other external agencies on behalf of the BSE to support its programming work for students with disabilities, such as the SERC/RESC Alliance/NEAT Center to develop the Easier with AT website for educators and families. <https://easierwithat.org/>
- SERC continues to be responsive to support the CSDE with any specific requests for project coordination/facilitation/contract development or technical assistance to support their efforts on behalf of educators, students, and families.
- We have updated the special education assessments inventory across all domain areas in our new SERC library for educators to peruse and borrow to support their work with special education students: <https://ctserc.org/library>. We continue to host sessions in the library to display and demonstrate our Assistive Technology resources and equipment to support educators, families, and students.

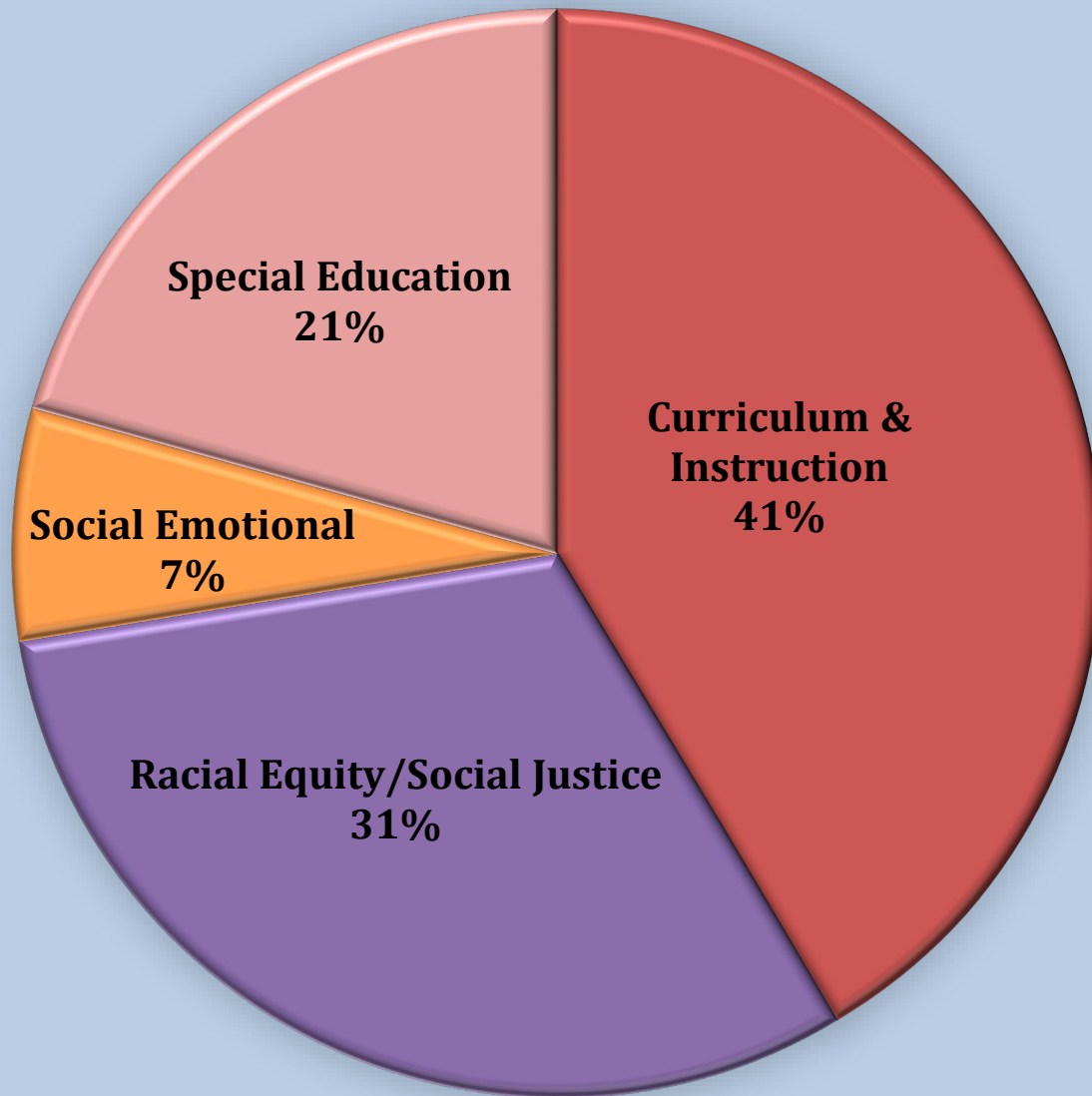
**Special Education Programming supporting the Bureau of Special Education
July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023
Snapshot of IDEA Activities by Project**



**Special Education Programming by Topic
July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023**

Project Name	# of Activities
Back-To-School	1
Dropout Prevention Initiative	8
IEPs	2
Leadership	19
Misc Bureau	2
Paraprofessionals as Partners	1
Suspension/Expulsion	3
Technology in Education	3
Transition	1
Youth Work	1
Grand Total	41

SERC receives many requests from districts for customized contracts to address their specific professional learning needs relative to school/district priorities, specifically around racial equity, special education, and curriculum and instruction topics. Below is a snapshot of in-district contracts by topic from July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023.



**In-District Contracts by Topics and Category
July 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023**

Curriculum & Instruction	
Common Core State Standards	1
Data-Driven Decision Making	1
English Learners	1
General Education	1
PBIS Implementation	6
Progress Monitoring	1
SRBI Implementation	1
<i>Curriculum & Instruction Total</i>	<i>12</i>
Racial Equity/Social Justice	
Racial Equity	9
<i>Racial Equity Total</i>	<i>9</i>
Social-Emotional	
Challenging Behaviors	2
<i>Social Emotional Total</i>	<i>2</i>
Special Education	
Co-Teaching	2
Assistive Technology	1
LRE Support	1
Paraprofessionals	1
Secondary Transition	1
<i>Special Education Total</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>29</i>

**July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023
Fully Executed LEA Contracts by District and
Other Agencies/Organizations/Schools**

District	Agencies/Organizations/Schools
RSD #15	Rosehill Christian School
East Haddam	CREC: LEAP101
Wethersfield	CT Department of Correction
Danbury	Intensive Education Academy
New Britain	Positive Directions Counseling
Stamford	NAMI
Stonington	Gilead Community Services
Norwalk	
Waterford	
Newington	
New Haven	
Stafford	
Norwalk	
Hartford	
RSD #18	
Plainfield	

Update on African American, Black, Latino, and Puerto Rican Course of Studies

- The SERC team is presenting on November 6, 2023, at the Pacific Educational Group National Summit in Austin, Texas. Our topic is: *“Pa’lante! Creating and Affirming Student Identity*
- Planning for the Student Summit on December 15, 2023, at CCSU is underway in partnership with the CCSU African American Studies Department.
- Quarterly Training and Coaching will resume for Cohort 3 December 7 – 8, 2023

Other Programming Updates

- **DMHAS School-Based Center for Prevention, Education and Advocacy (“The Center”)**
 - SERC, in collaboration with DMHAS, surveyed all school districts to gather and share information regarding the prevention programs that Connecticut school districts are implementing around mental health, suicide prevention, substance use prevention, and social-emotional learning. The survey covered which programs are being used, the impacts of the programs, and prevention priorities for districts.
 - 50 districts completed the survey, and outreach to these districts began to coordinate services and programming, including the development of an online Canvas course called *Universal Opioid and Other Substance Use Prevention Planning*
 - Outreach to school districts continues with the start of the new school year. Bi-lingual brochures and posters are being sent to school districts.
 - The SERC Library serves as a central repository for substance use prevention curricula and school-centered, evidence-based programs, resources and tools for K-12 educators
 - The new website can be accessed at www.ctserc.org/prevention
- **English/Multilingual Learner Programming**
 - New Podcast series titled *Learning with Multilingual Students* - where we hear from immigrant-origin students in Connecticut about their experiences and perspectives. Educators working to recognize, engage, and extend the linguistic resources of English Learner classified students will also be featured.
 - The first episode is launching in late October and will feature newly-arrived immigrant students at a New Haven high school sharing their schooling experiences in Connecticut and future goals. Bilingual school leaders provide context about successes and challenges.
- **SERC Quarterly Newsletter**
 - With support from Graustein and The Narrative Project, SERC will launch the first of its quarterly newsletters in late October, highlighting resources, events, activities, and opportunities.

- **National Summit for Courageous Conversation®**
 - SERC will be represented at the 13th Annual National Summit for Courageous Conversation® in Austin, Texas, from November 5-8, 2023. The Summit is an excellent opportunity for racial equity leaders from across the nation to convene and engage in deep conversation about race and its impact on opportunity and achievement for all.

- **Cultivating Meaningful Partnerships: Equity @ the Center**
 - SERC supported the CSDE on September 30, 2023, for an equity symposium to explore the relationship between superintendents and their diversity, equity, and inclusion leaders as they work collaboratively to create an equitable educational environment. It was a very successful event, with over 80 educators in attendance.