



# Fast Facts

2019-2020\*

## Transforming Lives and Communities Through Educational Services

Created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1971, BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 is an educational service agency meeting the needs of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties. Serving 19 public schools, two career centers and 12 non-public schools, BLaST's vision is to transform lives and communities through educational services. These services are organized into four major divisions: Student Services, Educational Planning, Technology, and Management Services. In partnership with Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS), BLaST employs approximately 339 staff with a majority of staff working in the division of Student Services providing early intervention and school-age special education services.

### IU17 School Districts Served

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| • Athens             | • Muncy              | • Sullivan County |
| • Canton             | • Northeast Bradford | • Towanda         |
| • East Lycoming      | • Northern Tioga     | • Troy            |
| • Jersey Shore       | • Sayre              | • Wellsboro       |
| • Loyalsock Township | • South Williamsport | • Williamsport    |
| • Montgomery         | • Southern Tioga     | • Wyalusing       |
| • Montoursville      |                      |                   |

### Vision and Mission

BLaST's vision is to transform lives and communities through educational services. In order to achieve this vision, BLaST's everyday mission is to provide, create, and facilitate high quality educational solutions.

### Core Values

We strive to practice our core values everyday in our decision making, service delivery and relationships with all of our stakeholders.



**Integrity** - Doing what is right by choosing courage over comfort and practicing values rather than professing them.



**Respect** - Valuing ourselves and each other while acting with courage, consideration, and empathy.



**Communication** - Committing to and practicing honest and open communication.



**Safety** - Integrating physical, social, and emotional safety through our thoughts, words, and actions.



\* Data from 2018-19 School Year

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# IU17 By the Numbers

Staff & Employees (Including M1)	339
Square Miles Covered	4,000
School Districts	19
Non-Public Schools	12
Partial Hospitalization Programs	2
Center-Based Academies	2
Interdistrict Classrooms	22
Center Based Classrooms	29
Special Education Services Offered	19

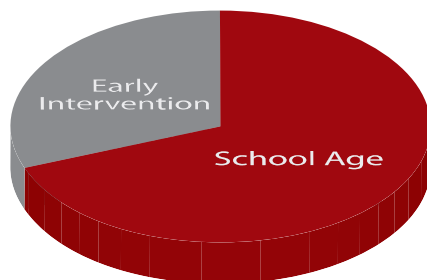
**Total Budget: \$37,376,260.00**



## Student Services

The Division of Student Services provides high quality programs to eligible preschool and school age students in our four counties. Our goal is to design instruction and support to maximize the potential of our students, based on their strengths and unique needs. Services are delivered in a variety of educational environments by highly-qualified staff.

**Total Staff: 224\*\***  
**Classroom Programs**  
 School Age: 150  
 Early Intervention: 13  
**Itinerants**  
 School Age: 38  
 Early Intervention: 23



**School Age Students Served: 2,238**  
**Early Intervention Students served: 821**

## Special Education Services

BLaST offers an extensive range of Special Education services in both our classroom and itinerant programs including:

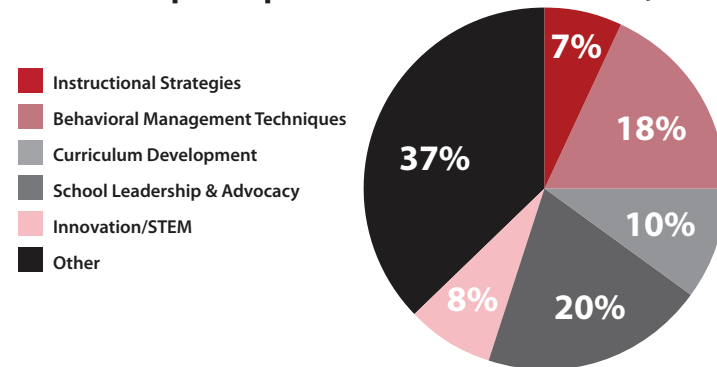
Program	Students	Program	Students
Audiology	48	Multiple Disabilities	52
Autism Spectrum	265	Occupational Therapy	618
Blind/Visually Impaired	35	Partial Programs	123
Deaf/Hearing Impaired	23	Physical Therapy	208
Emotional Support	201	Speech Therapy	856
Life Skills	32	Transitional	10



## Educational Planning

BLaST Intermediate Unit's Department of Educational Planning provides high-quality, personalized, professional development to school district teachers and staff, as well as business and community members.

**Number of trainings offered: 190**  
**Number of participants: 3,495**



## Professional Development Programs Include:

- School Climate and Positive Behavior Support
- Curriculum Development
- Future Ready PA Index
- Instructional Coaching
- MTSS
- Data Analysis
- STEM & Technology Integration
- Text-Dependent Analysis
- Career Readiness
- School Counselor
- Targeted School Improvement

## eEquip Online Learning Program

eEquip was created by BLaST Intermediate Unit to meet the online learning needs of the school districts and private schools in our region. eEquip provides K-12 courses, summer school, credit recovery, electives, STEM, AP courses, and more.

**Number of registered students: 668**  
**Number of unique course titles: 820**  
**Total course enrollment: 5,887**



## Technology Services

BLaST Intermediate Unit 17's technology group provides a wide variety of services not only to our local school districts, but districts across the state.

- LAN/WAN/VLAN
- High Speed Internet
- Juniper Sales/Install
- DELL Server Sales
- Network Security
- Consortium Pricing
- Video & Door Lock Security
- VOIP Phone Systems
- WiFi Network Design
- Website Design & Hosting
- Digital Information Displays
- Custom Software Design
- Datacenter Hosting
- Content Filtering



14,500 Individual  
VOIP Handsets  
Deployed



1,000 Miles  
of Managed  
Fiber Lines



7 District Centers  
Housed  
at IU17



96 Districts and IUs  
Receiving IU17  
Tech Services



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