

# Transforming Lives and Communities Through Educational Services

**Fast Facts**  
2020-2021\*



2019 BLAST IU 17 MyBike® Rollout

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 320 staff with a majority of staff working in the division of Student Services providing early intervention and school-age special education services.



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## IU17 School Districts Served

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

\* Data from 2019-20 School Year

## 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.



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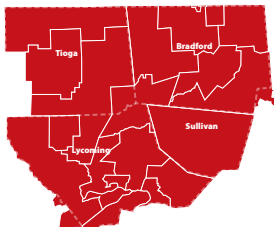
[www.iu17.org](http://www.iu17.org)

# BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 FAST FACTS

**320** Staff & Employees (Including M1)

**4,000**  
Square Miles Covered

**19**  
School Districts



Non-Public Schools	28
Partial Hospitalization Programs	2
Center-Based Academies	2
Interdistrict Classrooms	21
Center Based Classrooms	28
Special Education Services Offered	20

**\$34,176,205**  
Total Budget

## 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.



**256** Staff

**2,227**  
School Age Students Served

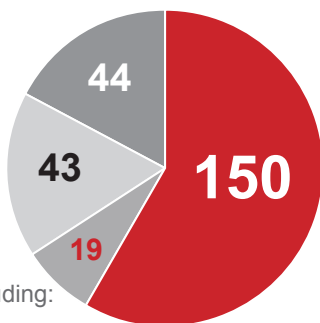
Classroom Programs	
School Age:	150
Early Intervention:	19

Itinerants	
School Age:	43
Early Intervention:	44

**957**  
Early Intervention Students Served

## 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	44	Multiple Disabilities	39
Autism Spectrum	77	Occupational Therapy	338
Blind/Visually Impaired	9	Partial Programs	58
Deaf/Hearing Impaired	15	Physical Therapy	133
Emotional Support	155	Speech Therapy	435
Life Skills	34	Transitional	56



## Educational Planning

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

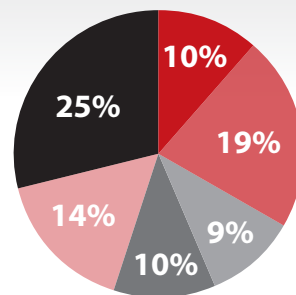
**193**

Number of participants

**3,143**

Number of trainings offered

Instructional Strategies	10%
Behavior Management Techniques	19%
Curriculum Development	9%
School Leadership & Advocacy	10%
Innovation/STEM	14%
Other	25%



## Professional Development Programs:

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

## Innovation Lending Library

A free inventory of STEM and innovation tools available for educators. Lending periods offer the opportunity to integrate hands-on, inquiry-based, 21st century learning experiences to students.

**130** # Requests Fulfilled

**21** Districts/LEAs Served

## eEquip Online Learning Program

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



**6,345**  
Course Enrollments

**954** Registered Students  
**804** Unique Course Titles



## 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.

**16,500** Individual VOIP Handsets Deployed

**1,100** Miles of Managed Fiber Lines

**10** District Data Centers Housed at IU17

**97** Districts and IUs Receiving IU17 Tech Services

- LAN/WAN Design
- High Speed Internet
- Juniper Sales / Install
- DELL Server Sales/ Installation
- Network Security
- Consortium Pricing
- Video & Door Lock Security

- VOIP Phone Systems
- WiFi Network Design / Installation
- Website Design and Hosting
- Digital Information Displays
- Custom Software Design
- Datacenter Hosting
- Content Filtering with ContentKeeper