SNAPSHOT OF BOCES SERVICES FOR LAFAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lafayette’s share of the 2019-20 BOCES administrative budget $33,151

Through cooperative purchasing, in 2018-19 Lafayette saved an estimated $55,647

Initial BOCES service requests amounted to 11.1% of your current year budget

BOCES aid generated for 2019-20 $835,799
Special Education
Number of classrooms in school district buildings that host BOCES Special Education Programs

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OCM BOCES & LaFayette = Student Success

For LaFayette junior Naomi Marie Gibson, the OCM BOCES STAR program at Homer High School was just what she needed to help her come out of her shell. After five years in the program, Naomi has learned to better advocate for herself. Naomi's teachers and peers have watched her transform from a quiet and shy student, to one who is outgoing, helpful, and self-motivated. With OCM BOCES, Naomi is also learning life skills needed to live independently, including time management and organizational skills, career planning, and creating a strategy to follow once she exits the program.

"I feel Naomi has benefited from the program because our class allows students to really express themselves," said her teacher, Rebekah Stull. "Our classroom has daily talks about what our needs are and how we feel. We also discuss what the real world is going to look like, and we prepare for that. Naomi is able to put all her research and learning into practice before having to live it on her own. She is motivated to do her best in our classroom environment to be a productive member of society."

Naomi loves animals and hopes to one day work in a veterinarian's office as a veterinarian technician. Her time with OCM BOCES has helped her to prepare for entering this job field.

"BOCES has helped me by giving me more time to complete tasks," Naomi said. "In my classroom, I feel it is a judgement-free zone, so I am able to be myself. My teacher motivates me to do my best and teaches me what to expect after high school."

Did You Know?

Staff members in the LaFayette Central School District have been working with the OCM BOCES Innovative Teaching & Learning department to implement Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS) to support positive student behavior. PBIS team members attended a four-day, new-team training.