

HIGH ROAD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**Marion Edition
September 2025**

Welcome to our latest newsletter, High Road School of Marion County, part of SESI's (Specialized Education Services, Inc.) dedicated network of alternative education programs. Dive in for insights, stories, and a look ahead.

Cayden – For stepping up as a classroom leader!

Gabriella – For trying a new routine with confidence!

We're proud of every student's hard work. Keep it up!



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Classroom Spotlights

Bloom Rooms:

Students are settling into their routines with sensory activities, visual schedules, and communication tools like PECs and AAC devices.

Spark Rooms:

Students have been working on setting goals and learning how to manage emotions through interactive group sessions



The new school year is off to a fantastic start at High Road School of Marion County. From welcoming new students to building classroom routines, we're already seeing amazing progress. Here's everything happening this month!

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Referral & Tour Info: Reach out to arrange a visit, meet the team, and learn more about enrollment.



Family & Partner Spotlights:

In ESY 2025, Special Education Services, Inc. (SESI) partnered with EmpowerU to launch a four-site pilot designed to strengthen student academic, behavioral, and emotional outcomes. EmpowerU's two Tier 2 options—staff-led small groups and a highly supported model with 1:1 asynchronous coaching—offered exactly what SESI leadership was seeking: evidence-based, pre-vetted programs that reduce staff workload while equipping students with the skills to build resilience and thrive.

Teachers at SESI High Road School of Marion County found the small group program to be a strong fit for their verbal learners. They observed positive changes in student behavior along with growth in well-being and emotional regulation. Staff also noted that the program was easy to use and provided meaningful content that supported their daily work with students.

Find out more about the program being used,
<https://empoweru.education/about-us/>

August Students of the Month

Ben



Ben has been thriving while working with his 1:1, learning how to regulate his emotions and using his calming strategies.

Let's keep building strong routines, celebrating growth, and working together. September is all about settling in—and soaring high.

— Your High Road School of Marion County Team

Important Date: A look Ahead

Oct 17: PD Day/ No School

October 20 : PD Day/ No School



Staff Spotlight:

Jerri currently serves as a 1:1 in the Upper Spark Classroom. She has been at High Roads for 4 years. Jerri started in Bucyrus before transferring to Marion. Jerri has provided outstanding support and contributed positively to our student's progress. Thank you Jerri, for all your hard work!

A Message from Ms. Sanford

"We're off to an incredible start this year. Thank you to our families and partner districts for your ongoing support. We're excited for everything this year will bring—and we're just getting started!"

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Together, we're charting a High Road—one of hope, tailored learning, and community support.