Illinois State Board of Education

Special Education Overview

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Welcome and Introduction

Thank you for the work you do each and every day in keeping our children safe, healthy, and supported inside and outside of school.
Agenda

- Agency Overview
- Special Education Department Organization
- Special Education Department Projects & Resources
- COVID19 Resources
- Conclusion
Components of General Supervision

- State Performance Plan
- Policies, Procedures, and Effective Implementation
- Fiscal Management
- Data on Processes and Results
- Integrated Monitoring Activities
- Improvement, Correction, Incentives & Sanctions
- Effective Dispute Resolution
- Targeted Technical Assistance & Professional Development
Department Organization

- Management Team
  - Director, 3 Supervisors
- Grants Team
- Dispute Resolution Team
- Data Team
- Monitoring Team
- Specialized Supports Team
- Withdrawals and Placements Team
- Non-Public Team
- Technical Team
- Program Specialists Team
Management Team

- Barbara Moore, Director
- Tammy Greco, Supervisor
- Maggie Kuykendall, Supervisor
- Abbey Storey, Supervisor
Data Team

- Responsible for State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report and State Systemic Improvement Plan

- Special Education Pupil and Personnel Data

- Submission to US Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs
Monitoring Team

- Monitoring and coaching for school districts
  - NEW 2020 – Special Education Accountability and Support System

- Technical assistance and professional development

- Oversee contracts and grants

- Parent engagement

- Postsecondary Transition
Specialized Supports Team

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairment, Low Incidence Disabilities (e.g. Intellectual Disabilities, Multiple Disabilities)

- Specialized Populations – Autism, SLD, ED, English Learners with Disabilities

- Equity and Discipline
Withdrawals and Placement Team

- District withdrawals from special ed cooperatives; comprehensive plans for cooperatives
- Residential placements
- Home/hospital placements
- Nonpublic/parochial placements
- Charter School – Special education
- Educational Surrogate Parents for Youth In Care
- Assistive Technology
Dispute Resolution Team

- Complaint Investigations
- Mediation
- IEP Facilitation
- Due Process Hearings

https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Effective-Dispute-Resolution.aspx
Grants Team

- IDEA Part B Flowthrough & IDEA Part B Preschool Approvals
- Other Grant Approvals
Technical Team and Program Specialists Teams

- Receptionist to answer phones and direct calls
- Support Management and Consultants
- Maintain Website
Non-Public Team

- Approval of Illinois and Out-of-State Non-Public Special Education Residential and Schools
  - Facility Evaluations
  - Private Facility Search
Special Education Projects: Assistive Technology

- Assistive Technology Device Loan and Evaluation – Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP)
- Assistive Technology Training and Resources – UCP Seguin Infinitec
- Assistive Technology Exchange Network – UCP Seguin Infinitec
Special Education Projects: Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Visual Impairment

- Philip J Rock Center and School
- Project Reach – Services for Deaf Blind
- Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission
- Illinois Service Resource Center – Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing with Behavior Needs
- Educational Materials Center at Chicago Lighthouse – materials for schools for students with visual impairments
- Learning Ally – audiobooks for schools for students who with visual impairments or dyslexia
Special Education Projects:
Autism

- Autism Learning and Support Project – Illinois State University – professional development to schools on addressing behavior needs of students with autism

- Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project – Illinois State University – professional development on meeting transition needs of students with autism
Special Education Projects: Transition

NEW in 2020!

Center for Transition and Work – University of Illinois – Supports schools in meeting transition needs for students with intellectual disabilities
Special Education Projects: Juvenile Justice

Educational Liaisons at Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice

Assist with transitioning students who are incarcerated to return to public school

IDEA Part D SPDG (ROE47/IL-MTSS; ROE 9, 11, 47, 54)
Special Education Disability Resources:

Disability Information
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Disability-Areas.aspx

Dyslexia Handbook
Special Education Resources

Early Childhood Special Education
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/early-childhood-special-education-services.aspx

English Learners with Disabilities
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/EL-IEPs.aspx

Mental Health Resources
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/MentalHealthResources.aspx
Special Education Projects: Parent and Family Engagement

- Educational Surrogate Parent Program for Youth in Care
- Collaboration with the ISBE Department of Parent and Family Engagement
- Collaboration with the Parent Training and Information Centers
Educational Rights and Responsibilities: Understanding Special Education in Illinois Parent Guide

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Parent Training and Information Centers

Region 1 – Counties of Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will

- Family Resource Center on Disabilities
  20 E. Jackson Blvd., Room 300
  Chicago, IL 60604
  312-939-3513 voice / 312-939-3519 TTY & TDY
  312-939-7297 FAX
  800-952-4199 IL only
  E-mail: frcdptiil@ameritech.net
  Website: www.frccd.org
Parent Training and Information Centers

Region 2 – covers rest of the state

- Family Matters
  1901 S. 4th Street, Suite 209
  Effingham, IL 62401
  217-347-5428 voice
  217-347-5119 FAX
  866-436-7842 Toll-Free
  E-mail: info@fmptic.org or deinhorn@arc-css.org
  Website: www.fmptic.org
COVID19 Updates and Resources

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CURRENT TOPICS

CTE during COVID-19?

Listen to learn how COVID-19 changed CTE in D214

LATEST NEWS

9/29/2020: ISBE announces 10 Regional Teachers of the Year now in the running for top educator award

9/21/2020: Pritzker Administration awards more than $80 million to Illinois schools to close digital divide

9/14/2020: ISBE seeks community input on state funding for public education

9/11/2020: ISBE announces agenda for virtual annual planning retreat and regular business meeting Sept. 16-17

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COVID19 Resources

Guidance Documents
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/covid19.aspx#

Special Education Guidance Documents
https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Programs.aspx

Parent FAQ

Remote Learning Resources
https://www.isbe.net/keplearning
Where to Go with Questions

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Questions? Please email COVID19@isbe.net with any questions or concerns.
Conclusion

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