

Purpose:

The State must establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in New Mexico.

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel Shall:

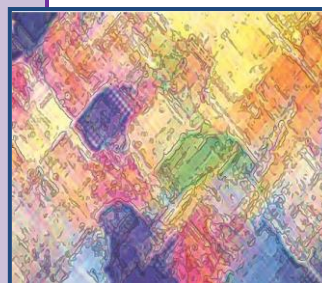
- Advise the State Educational Agency (SEA) of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618;
- Advise the SEA in developing Corrective Action Plans to address findings in the Federal Monitoring Reports under Part B of the Act; and
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

(34 CFR § 300.169)

Special Education Bureau: (505) 827-1457

Goals and Actions

To Improve the Educational Services for New Mexico Students with Disabilities



Presented By:



New Mexico
Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act (IDEA)
State Advisory Panel

Who Should Serve on the IDEA Panel and Who Can Participate?



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Vision

It is the vision of the New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel that all children receive an appropriate education, and are contributing members of their communities and society with a high quality of life.

Mission

It is the mission of the New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel to collaborate with and advise the New Mexico Public Education Department to enhance, promote, and advocate for a high quality education to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Service to New Mexicans:

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel shall consist of members appointed by the Governor, or any other official authorized under State law to make such appointments, be representative of the State population, and be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including:

- ✦ Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26)
- ✦ Individuals with disabilities
- ✦ Teachers
- ✦ Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
- ✦ State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)
- ✦ Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- ✦ Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- ✦ Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
- ✦ Not less than one representative of vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- ✦ A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care
- ✦ Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Differentiated Monitoring

Goal

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel will promote high yield strategies to reduce student drop-out rates and directly increase graduation rates.



The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel Will:

- A. Investigate factors that may contribute to student drop-out rates within the state and across the nation;
- B. Analyze New Mexico data on drop-out and graduation rates to identify trends;
- C. Research national-trends for communities with high graduation rates for students with disabilities; and
- D. Advise the PED, based upon the data analysis, regarding results driven practices that support high school completion and transition to college and career.

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel is Guided by the Following Beliefs:

1. *All Children Are:*
 - Valuable
 - Learners
 - Contributors
 - Unique individuals
 - Decision makers
2. *Families Are:*
 - Important
 - Knowledgeable
 - Decision makers
 - Valuable partners in the educational process and are committed to working with school personnel
3. *Teachers and School Staff Are:*
 - Promoting self-determination
 - Teaching self-advocacy
 - Well-trained and highly effective
 - Cross-trained in both special education, regular education, and evidence-based practices
 - Committed to collaborating with families, service agencies, and community members
4. *Schools Are:*
 - Safe
 - Welcoming to students, parents, and staff
 - Accommodating to all students
 - Employing highly effective teachers
 - Adequately staffed to meet the needs of each student



The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel will demonstrate its commitment to all students with disabilities and their families within the educational setting. Members choose to participate in the process of supporting the following initiatives:

- Results Driven Accountability (RDA)
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) Differentiated Monitoring

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Goal

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel will promote and encourage the development of policy and appropriate rules statewide to eliminate barriers and improve academic success for students with disabilities that are experiencing homelessness or are in Foster Care.

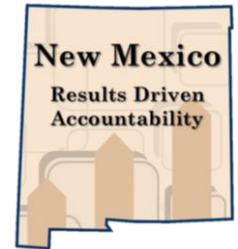
The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel Will:

- A. Revise state and local policies and practices to remove barriers and ensure the necessary tools are available to address complex situations creatively, flexibly, and expeditiously;
- B. Create and promote policies and practices for regular, ongoing communication and collaboration among social service providers, educational liaisons and special education staff; and
- C. Utilize data to identify the needs and strategies to improve the educational outcomes for students with disabilities that are experiencing homelessness or are in foster care.

Results Driven Accountability (RDA)

Goal

The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel will promote literacy growth annually for students with disabilities by supporting students' academic needs and enhancing opportunities to increase academic achievement.



The New Mexico IDEA State Advisory Panel Will:

- A. Promote the consideration of visits to RDA schools in quadrants all over the state of New Mexico;
- B. Review RDA data and invite the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) to present data to the panel;
- C. Review successful literacy strategies that are being utilized across the state and advise the PED; and
- D. Promote through the IDEA Panel site visits which reflect the authentic instruction in action.