

Special Education Update

East Central Indiana Special Services.....February 2, 2021

IMPORTANT: Virtual Special Education Teacher Meeting

We have several topics we would like to discuss with you face-to-face to make sure we are all on the same page and to answer any questions you may have! We have four sessions for you to choose from during the week of February 22nd. Please register for ONE of these 30 minute virtual meetings at:

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Topics include:

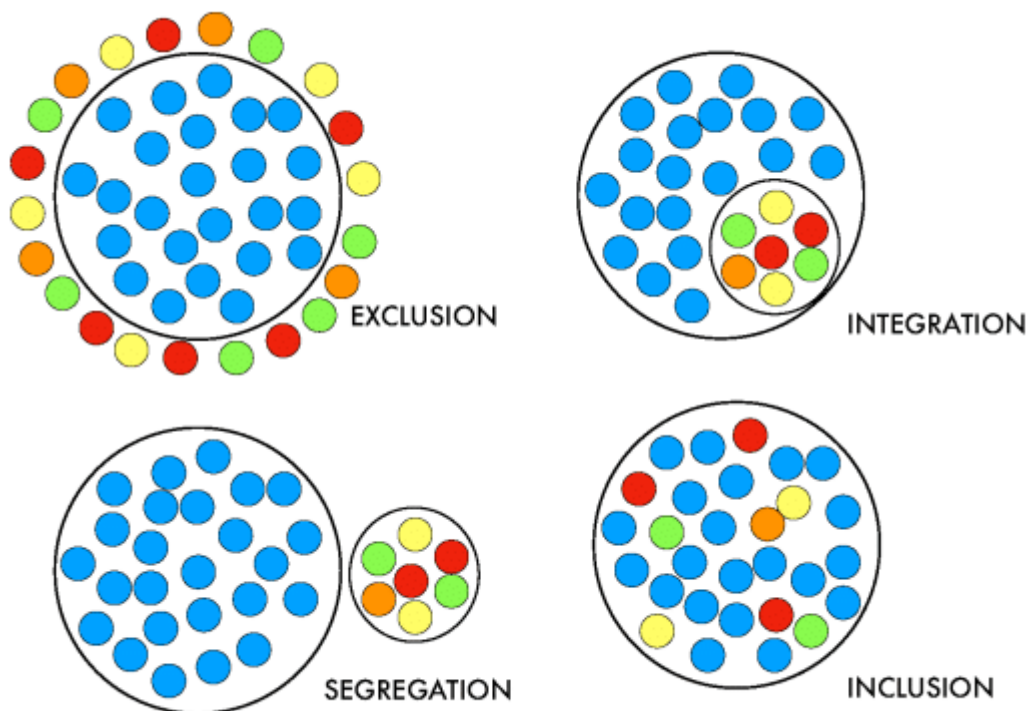
1. IIEP Transition from Learning Connection to LINK
2. End of Year Plan for Case Conferences
3. Text to Speech Accommodations for State Testing
3. Secondary Transition - Preparation for Audit

Let's Start An Inclusion "Conversation"

This image was part of a presentation on inclusion at the Focus on Inclusion Conference. What are your thoughts about this image? Go to this link to share your thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/ockp9QFvG1Z9BbX4A>

I will compile your responses and share them anonymously in the next newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you!



Online Test Administrator (TA) Certification Course for I AM

The online TA Certification Course for I AM will be available from the [I AM Portal](#) beginning Monday, January 25. This course is a yearly requirement for all educators administering I AM. The course consists of three modules and a certification quiz and will take about 90 minutes to complete. It does not need to be completed in one sitting. Once the TA completes all three modules and earns an 80% or higher on the quiz, a certificate can be downloaded and certification will be reflected in TIDE.

Remember, this course is different from the online certification course for ILEARN, IREAD-3, and ISTEP+.

Certification for a general education assessment will not allow TAs to administer I AM. Questions regarding the online course can be communicated to the Indiana Assessment Help Desk at indianahelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com.

Secondary Teachers - Transition Portfolio Training

These five Zoom webinars will introduce you to an array of transition portfolio examples, demonstrating preferred/required content for each section. During the final training, we'll take you on a step-by-step, guided tour of each portfolio format.

Choose between morning or afternoon sessions for each of the five Transition Portfolio webinars. You are encouraged to attend all five trainings, but you only need to register for one per day.

- March 2: Here I Am, Let's Come Up with a Plan An overview of Transition Portfolios. Learn what they can do for your students.
- March 3: Look at Me! So Much to See! Find out how to capture information about students' learning characteristics.
- March 4: The Things I Achieve, You Wouldn't Believe! Recording and capturing a student's academic skills and achievements.
- March 8: Job One, Job Two. Finding the Right Job for You! Recognizing and recording student employability skills.

- March 12: Hop on Top, Cream of the Crop! Learn and practice the step-by-step how-tos by navigating through several Transition Portfolio examples.

Each webinar will be presented from 9-10:30 a.m. and from 1-2:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on the dates listed above. Presented and facilitated by staff of the Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center, with support from the Indiana Department of Education.

[Register now!](#)

What is UDL?

An acronym that's being used a lot in education these days.....If you don't know what UDL is, here is a quick read for you!

<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/universal-design-for-learning-what-it-is-and-how-it-works>

Intensive Interventions Digital Learning Tools

Virtual learning can be challenging for all students. Those challenges can be even more prominent when our students have additional needs throughout their learning. Being able to see how others are navigating these difficult times can help give ideas and keep us motivated to innovate in our lessons and planning. Using resources like those in our COVID teacher tips and sample lessons from the [National Center for Intensive Intervention](#) can help provide additional ideas.

[Click Here For Interventions](#)