

Special Education Update

East Central Indiana Special Services....September 15, 2021

A FEW REMINDERS....

- Please, please, please make sure that you schedule your ACRs to be held at least a month in advance of the due date. We already have staff who have missed ACR dates due to their own illness/quarantine, parent illness/quarantine, etc. Take this opportunity to change how you schedule ACRs for your students or as a building. Maybe you want to try scheduling your ACRs only in particular months of the year to avoid traditionally "busy" months like August, December, and May. Or, maybe you try scheduling your ACRs in clusters on 2-3 days of each month so you have the rest of the days free to provide services without interruption. Use this opportunity to try something new, but please get ahead of your ACR due dates. There's really no reason that you should miss an ACR date if you plan your conferences to be held at least a month before the due date. JUST DO IT!
- Please, please, please make sure to get the case conference paperwork sent home to the parent within 10 school days of the meeting. This is a compliance issue, so it is very important that you do so!
- Once you have received a signed IEP back or after 10 school days have passed from the date the parent received the case conference paperwork, the IEP goes into effect. Make sure to go into IEP and note this to get rid of the "pending blue envelope" in the system. It is only after you have done so that the accommodations listed in the IEP for state testing are communicated to the DOE.
- Please, please, please contact Mort, Lisa, or Liza if you have any questions or concerns. We're here to help you....just ask!

CPI TRAINING - REGISTRATION CLOSING THIS FRIDAY FOR SEPTEMBER DATE!

All staff in need of initial CPI certification or recertification will need to participate in a full day of training as well as complete about 2.5 hours of online coursework prior to the in person training. These trainings are being held monthly at the East Central Educational Service Center in Connersville. Training dates are scheduled for: 9/24, 10/28, 11/9, and 12/2.

Registration closes for the September date on 9/17 to provide time for staff to do online coursework in advance of the training.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/AP2HMDHCPYQK1rDF6>

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS - PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE AT ACRS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5

Notice Regarding Statewide Assessments

[Notice](#) must be provided to parents of students with disabilities in grades three through five regarding accommodations and statewide assessments. Pursuant to [Indiana Code 20-32-5.1-18.8](#), no later than February 1, 2022, schools must provide a copy of the notice to parents at the annual case review or by certified mail or personal delivery if a parent does not attend the annual review.

KEEP A COPY OF ARTICLE 7 CLOSE AT HAND AND USE IT AS YOUR GUIDE

The beginning of the year is a great time to review requirements under Article 7. 511 IAC 7, commonly referred to as "[Article 7](#)," which contains Indiana's special education rules. [Navigating the Course: Finding Your Way through Indiana's Special Education Rules](#) was written to provide an overview and a practical resource to help parents, advocates, school personnel, and students understand the requirements of Indiana's special education rules, found in Article 7. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mort, Lisa, or Liza.

EASY WAY TO PROVIDE READ ALOUD ACCOMMODATION FOR QUIZZES/TESTS- CHECK IT OUT!

Add Audio to Google Forms with Mote

**QUICK TIP
OF THE WEEK!**

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TWO DAY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - LEARNING DISABILITIES, ADHD, AND MORE

A two-day virtual conference focused on learning disabilities, ADHD, and related disorders!

Hear from 12 keynote speakers on topics like dyslexia, executive functions, self-advocacy, IEPs, assistive technology, evaluation, social skills, transition, trauma-informed practices, reading instruction, disability supports at work or in college, **and more!**

[Learn More & Register!](#)

FREE PATINS WEBINARS

No excuses that you're too old to learn new tricks or that you aren't tech savvy, the time is now to learn about and begin to use technology to help level the playing field for your students. Jump on one or more of these webinars to learn how to do so!

[Creating Accessible Materials in Canvas and Beyond](#)

In an age of digital learning, we must ensure that we are creating accessible digital resources for all students. Retrofitting accessibility into current content or old documents and worksheets can prove cumbersome and challenging. In this webinar, attendees will explore essential design & accessibility elements to include and how to make this happen in Canvas and other digital spaces when creating new content for students and families. **Date:** September 21, 2021

[Top 9 Things Educators Can Do To Support Students](#)

While there are many ways we can support our students, we have come down to the Top 9 to implement right out of the gate. Building relationships with our students can set the ground work for the school year; as well as supporting and teaching the skills for executive functioning. Whether you are a special educator, general education teacher, administrator, related services provider, paraprofessional, school staff, we all can play an integral role in successful student outcomes while supporting equitable opportunities for student independence. This session will leave you with practical ideas and actions to consider to facilitate engagement, represent and action and expression for ALL students. **Target Audience:** All educators, IT personnel, paraprofessionals and administrators. **Date:** September 23, 2021

[Beyond Wh-Questions: Narrative Language & Story Time for Students with Intensive Support Needs](#)

Stories are a big part of how we understand, explain, hope, and relate to the world and a regular part of everyday classroom instruction. In this session, we will explore tools and techniques for supporting student's reading and listening comprehension within narrative language and stories for all students, in particular, those with the most intensive support needs in communication, learning, and access. **Target Audience:** teachers, therapists, administrators, staff serving children in preschool, early childhood, or early elementary life skills settings. **Date:** September 24, 2021

PATINS - ACCESS TO EDUCATION CONFERENCE 11/17&18

[Access to Education 2021](#) is where dedicated educators, who are focused on ensuring that every student has equitable access to the curriculum, will come together to experience motivational

keynotes, local and national presenter breakout sessions, opportunities to view the latest assistive technology, networking, and so much more!

The [Schedule at a Glance](#) is live! Topics include:

- AEM to support reading
- Accessibility with web tools
- Executive functioning
- Implementation of Assistive Technology (AT)
- The return to face-to-face instruction
- Support for English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Universally designed lessons and assessments
- And many more!

Cost: \$100 for two days, \$50 for a single day.

