

Private Special Education School Application for Publicly Placed Students

Instruction Manual

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Application Process

To take placements from public and/or charter schools, the Department requires potential private schools to submit a formal application. Applications are reviewed by the Department and applicants will be notified of their application status in the Special Education Program Approval System (SEPA). Private special education schools that wish to be approved for public placement of students with disabilities must renew their application every fiscal year.

The applications each fiscal year will open in the spring and will be due in June.

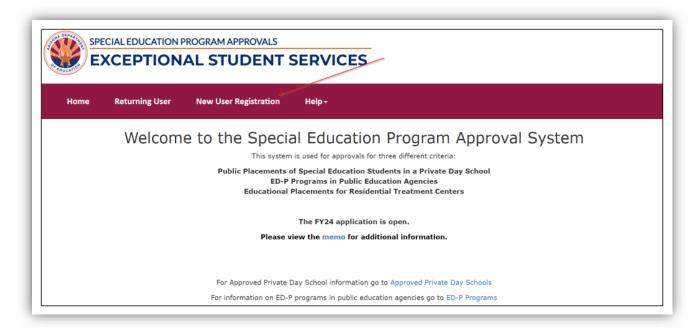
New Applicant Instructions

If you are interested in becoming an Approved Private Special Education School, please fill out this <u>form</u> and one of our Special Education Program Specialists will reach out to you.

Accessing the Application

Open SEPA

Select "New User Registration" to create a temporary account to access the application.



Complete the "New User Registration" and click "Submit."



To help us	identify you, select two security questions and provide the answers
Email Address:	Click here to enter text
	Choose 2 Questions
1:	Choose One 🗸
	Click here to enter response
2:	Choose One 🗸
	Click here to enter response

A Confirmation Request will be sent to your email.

- Click on the link sent to your email to complete the registration.
- You will be rerouted to the Special Education Program Approval System.

Hover over "Applications."

• Select "New Application"

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Home	Applications - Help -
/	New Application Existing Applications Welcome to the Special Education Program Approval System This system is used for approvals for three different criteria:
	Public Placements of Special Education Students in a Private Day School ED-P Programs in Public Education Agencies Educational Placements for Residential Treatment Centers
	The FV24 application is open. To start a new application, please select "Application" on the top left bar and then choose "Current Application."
	For Approved Private Day School Information go to Approved Private Day Schools For Information on ED-P programs in public education agencies go to ED-P Programs For Private Day School and ED-P questions, please email ESSPrivateDayEDP@azed.gov
	For information on Residential Treatment Centers (RTC) go to the ESS Vouchers website

To access the application at a later time, select "Returning User" on the home page.





You will be prompted to enter your email address and to provide responses to the security questions.

	Returning User
Email Address:	
	Please provide your responses to these questions.
	1. What year is your anniversary?
	Click here to enter text
	2. What is your favorite color?
	Click here to enter text
	Submit Cancel

If you have not started an application, select "New Application."

If you have started and saved an application, select "Existing Application."

Statement of Assurance

When you log on to the ADEConnect and enter the SEPA application choose the site type. Then, the <u>SOA</u> will open to read and sign.

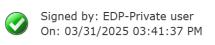


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Statement of Assurance		
Site Type:* Private School Residential School RTC with EDP		
Private School		
The applicant assures that special education programs and services approved by the Arizona Department of Educatio shall be operated in accordance with all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, and policies; the applicant requirements, regulations, and policies. All requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I appropriate public education for the special education students placed at your school.	agrees to compl	ly with all provisions of such
The applicant further agrees (as per A.A.C. R7-2-402, Standards for Approval of Special Education Programs	in Private Scho	ools):
 To accept students from public education agencies (PEAs) into a facility that has been approved as meeting the PEA is unable to provide satisfactory education and services through its own facilities and personnel. To accept only students who meet the categorical eligibility criteria (as defined in A.R.S. 15-761 and A.A.C. R7- approved, regardless of the placing or funding source. 		

Check the box certifying that you have read and understand the SOA and enter your name and title in the text box. This should be completed by the owner, director, or coordinator of the entity. The SOA should be shared with the entire team working with publicly placed students.

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	Private School		
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Click on "OK" in the pop-up, and the signature will be confirmed.





The SOA may be printed by clicking the green Print button below the SOA.

Applicants signing the <u>SOA</u> are confirming that the Private special education school agrees to adhere to all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, and policies. This step must be completed before continuing to the next section of the application. Click "Next" to move on to the next section. An application ID number will be generated after signing the SOA.

Please note: Failure to comply with the SOA for applicants that are approved private special education schools will result in revocation of approval status. Please ensure that the SOA is shared with all site administrators, program directors, etc.

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Administrative Information

ADE requires all prospective Private Special Education Schools to provide administrative information for the corporation, including the corporate contact name (owner) and contact information. Information regarding the profit status of the corporate entity is also required. An entity number will be generated at a later time and will populate to SEPA.

	Section 1
	Administrative Information
Corporate Name:*	Entity ID:
Corporate Contact First Name:*	Corporate Contact Last Name:*
Title:*	Email Address:*
Phone:*	Fax:
	Click here to enter text
Corporate Contact Mailing Address:*	Corporate Contact City:*
Corporate Contact State:*	Corporate Contact Zip Code:*
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School Administrator and Certificate Information

(Information may be the same as Administrative Information)

School administrators must provide evidence of an administrative certificate or special education credentials. Please indicate whether the administrator has an administrative certificate (validated by Educator ID number) and/or a special education teaching certificate.

School Admin First Name:*	School Admin Last Name:*	
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	
Title:*	Phone:*	
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	
Email:*	Fax:	
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	
FCC Number:*	Public Educator ID:*	
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	

Administrator Certificate Information

 There is an administrative certificate on file with certification and can be validated by the Educator ID under the School Administrator Information section

OR

 \bigcirc I have a Special Education teaching certificate

Administrator Certificate Information

 There is an administrative certificate on file with certification and can be validated by the Educator ID under the School Administrator Information section

OR

I have a Special Education teaching certificate

Please document briefly your experience in appropriate area of special education (500 characters maximum):

Click here to enter text

Please Upload Advanced/NCA document (if you wish to be approved for General Education):

Choose Files No file chosen

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Point of Contact

This person will be contacted by ADE with any questions regarding the application and/or the private entity that will be responsible for publicly placed students. The Special Education Program Specialist will contact this individual to schedule site visits. The point of contact will be given ADEConnect Entity Administrator access once the application has been approved. ADEConnect Entity Administrators will create new users for their entity, remove old users, assign roles to access applications and data submissions, and maintain contact information in ADEConnect.

If the main point of contact is located out of state, please provide an in-state contact to your Special Education Program Specialist.

Point of Contact Information			
Point of Contact First Name:*	Point of Contact Last Name:*		
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		
Title:*	Email Address:*		
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		
Phone:*	Fax:		
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		

Crisis Intervention and Restraint Training

Answer the question regarding crisis intervention and restraint training.

	Crisis Intervention and Restraint Training
Do you have a person responsible for en- strategies are properly trained and certif 〇 Yes	suring that all staff members utilizing therapeutic crisis intervention and physical restraint fied?
No	

If "yes," please enter the name, title, email address, and phone number of that individual.



Do you have a person responsible for en strategies are properly trained and certi Yes	suring that all staff members utilizing therapeutic crisis intervention and physical restraint fied?
○ No	
First Name:*	Last Name:*
Title:*	Email Address:*
Phone:*	Fax:
	Click here to enter text

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Required Additional Documentation

Docume	entation Information		
CPR Training*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Current Fire Marshal Report*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Current Liability Insurance*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
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(only calendars using this template will be accepted)	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Choose File No file chosen			
First Aid Training*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Curriculum*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Special Education Policies and Procedures*			
Choose File No file chosen	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On
Restraint Training Documentation and Certification			
	Document Name	Doc Type	Uploaded On



CPR Training - Upload documentation of ALL staff with current training in CPR.

Current Fire Inspection Report - Must show approval for occupancy. The inspection must fall under code "E"—Educational Facilities; we will not accept inspection reports under code "B"—Business. Please work with your local region or fire department regarding this requirement.

Current liability insurance – the insurance policy must be adequate and current. This proof is to ensure protection for students and third parties (e.g., vehicle usage). **Do not** mail a physical copy to ADE.

School year calendar – Upload a calendar for **each site** that accurately reflects start date, end date, holidays, and breaks. Please use the template provided in the application. Start and end dates must fall within the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

First Aid Training - upload documentation for ALL staff with current training in First Aid.

Curriculum – The curriculum must be aligned with the Arizona Academic and/or Common Core Standards. Upload a copy of the curriculum that you plan to use to help to serve and promote the continuation and improvement of Individualized Education Program (IEP) services for students with disabilities.

Special Education Policies and Procedures - Policies and procedures must outline how your program will implement specially designed instruction to serve the specified area(s) of special education eligibility based on IDEA and state statutes. It must not be a copy of IDEA statutes and regulations and must be customized to the school's implementation of policies and procedures, including the intake process for publicly placed students, and transition process to less restrictive setting.

Restraint Training Documentation and Certification – Upload documentation of staff with current training in non-aversive physical management.

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Student Demographic Information

Per 34 CFR § 300.131, local education agencies are responsible for locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in non-profit private elementary or secondary schools located in the district's boundaries. Private special education programs that accept parentally placed private school students must report the number of students annually through the October 1 Data Collection. The questions below will assist ADE/ESS in ensuring that local school districts are aware of any private schools within the district boundaries and are available for child find consultation meetings under 34 CFR § 340.134.



Does the private school accept parentally placed private school students (students placed outside Public Education Agency's IEP team)?

Student Demographic Information

Does the private school accept parentally placed private school students (students placed outside Public Education Agency's IEP team)? * \bigcirc Yes @ No

If "yes", please complete the following questions: How many parentally placed private school students are enrolled in K-12? How many are enrolled in Kindergarten and in the 3-5 year old age group? How many of those parentally placed students have a current MET from an Arizona public

Student Demographic Inform	nation	
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ow many of those parentally-placed students have a current MET from an Arizona public ducation agency?	Click here to enter text	

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education agency?

Program Information

Provide details on your program for publicly placed students.



	Program Information	
escribe the intake process for pul	cly placed student. *	
Click here to enter text		
low is behavioral data tracked? He	is it communicated to the public school or charter and parents? *	
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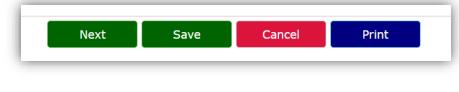
Describe the intake process for publicly placed students - What does the process look like from the time the PEA contacts your site to the time the student starts?

How is behavioral data tracked? How is it communicated to the public school or charter and parents?

How is exit criteria tracked? How is it communicated to the public school or charter? Describe the collaboration process with the public school or charter to complete the IEP.

- Provide education instructional programs for students with disabilities that are at least comparable to those provided by the public schools of Arizona and meet the requirements of IDEA
- Provide education services and related services in coordination with PEA as outlined in student IEPs (Placing school to complete IEP, not private school)
- If the private special education school does not have appropriate related service providers on staff:
 - The private special education school may contract appropriately licensed providers to provide services
 - o The PEA may send a certified individual to provide services
- Documentation of the provider's name and educator ID or license number must be provided to ADE
- The IEP may not be amended to fit the needs of the receiving school.

Click "Next"





Teacher and Staff List

All staff working with publicly placed students must be added to the Teacher and Staff List. Please see the <u>Private Special Education Schools Guidance Manual</u> for more information on staffing requirements.

Click on "Add Teacher/Staff"

Teacher and Sta Add Teacher/Staff	aff List					
Teacher/Staff ID	EducatorID	Teacher Name		Role Type	FCC ID	FCC Status
		No teachers or staff found for this application.		0		
Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries						
			Back Next	Cancel Pr	rint	

Please provide the following information for each individual:

Teacher /	School Year 2026 Teacher / Staff Details		
Educator ID:	Fingerprint Card Number (FCCID):		
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		
First Name:*	Last Name:*		
Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		
○ Classroom Teacher ○ Paraprofessional ○ Other staff type (SLP/SLPA, OT, Mental Health Professional, etc.)			
O Other staff type (SLP/SLPA, OT, Mental Health Professional, etc.)			

Teacher/Staff Details

Educator ID (must be provided for everyone except paraprofessionals)

- The Educator ID is the 7-digit number tied to certifications and endorsements with the Arizona Department of Education. This number allows ADE to determine the service categories (i.e., special education labels) under which a school is eligible to provide services. The application will automatically obtain data from the certification database. If you do not have this information, it can be obtained through the <u>Public Educator Lookup website</u>.
- Speech-Language Pathologist must hold a Speech-Language Pathologist, Prekindergarten12 certificate
- Include Related Service Provider Licenses

Fingerprint Clearance Cards

• All teachers and individuals who work in the classroom are required to have an Identity Verified Prints (IVP) fingerprint clearance card per Arizona Revised Statue 15-106. We require a



fingerprint clearance card number for all staff who will interact with publicly placed students.

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

 Names must be exactly as shown on the card, as the application will obtain this data from the DPS database and will not be able to obtain the information if the name is not exactly as it appears on the card.

First and Last Name

Role

- If "Other staff type," please specify that individual's role.
- Enter training courses and hours and click "Add" (if applicable). Include training in behavior strategies (for cross-categorical teachers teaching in an ED-P setting who have not yet fulfilled the 20-hour requirement). Additional training courses will populate below.

Add Trai	ning Courses		
Course Name	Training Hours	Add	
Click here to enter text	Click here	Add	
	Additional Training Courses		
Delete Course Name			Training Hours

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Private School Sites

Site Information

Enter the site name and address. Enter the name and contact information for the Site Contact. Choose the District(s) in which the site is located.

District(s) in which located:*	
(07-86-52-000) Albert Einstein Academy of Arizona	
(13-87-61-000) A Center for Creative Education (10-87-31-000) A Child's View School, Inc.	
(07-21-22-000) A New Leaf	
(11-87-20-000) A+ Charter Schools	
(07-86-89-000) Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School: A Challenge Fo	οι
(10-87-34-000) Academy Del Sol, Inc.	
(08-87-04-000) Academy of Building Industries, Inc. (07-86-04-000) Academy Of Excellence, Inc.	
(07-82-42-000) Academy of Mathematics and Science South, Inc.	-
Ctrl - click to select or un - select each choice	



Classrooms

Enter the number of classrooms at the site.

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How many classrooms are facilitated at this location?*
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Of these classrooms, enter the number of classrooms serving publicly placed students with disabilities.

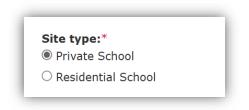
Of those classrooms, how many provide services to publicly placed students with disabilities?*	
11	

Click "Add" to enter the classroom and age range for each classroom serving publicly placed students with disabilities. Information will populate on the right.

What are the age ranges of each	classroom? -		
Add Classroom	and Age Range	Classroom	Age Range
Classroom	Age Range Add	No classrooms	available.
Click here to enter text	Click here Add		

Site Type

Choose Private School or Residential School



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Intended Service Categories for This Site (Check all that apply)

Certification Ca Intended Serv one.)*		Check all that appl	y. Check at least
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🗆 HI 🚯	MD	🗆 MDSSI 🚯	MIID
MOID	🗆 SID 🚯	IO 🔽	IHO 🗹
	SLD	SLI	🗹 TBI
🗆 VI 📵			

MDSSI, SID, VI, HI If you select these service categories, check the <u>Certification Matrix</u> for requirements. If your site does not have the appropriate certification, it will not be approved.
ED-P If you select ED-P, you will be required to answer additional questions. Check the <u>Certification</u> <u>Matrix</u> for requirements.

Grades Served (Check all that apply)

Select all grades at this site (Check all that apply. Check at least one.)* Select All Clear All			
Preschool	Cindergarten		
First	Second	Third	
Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	
Seventh	Eighth	Ninth	
Tenth	Eleventh	Twelfth	
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Site Staff

Please select all teachers, paraprofessionals, and related service providers who will be providing services to publicly placed students at this site.

Teachers and paraprofessionals may only be assigned to one site.



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Emotional Disabilities - Private Program (Only if seeking ED-P approval)



Describe your seclusion room(s) or quiet area(s) at this site and how students are supervised. <u>A.R.S. 15-105</u>. Please refer to the <u>Private Special Education Schools Guidance</u> for information. What counseling or mental health services are provided at this site? By whom and how often?

Counseling or mental health services must be provided to all students eligible for ED-P and any student requiring counseling as determined by the IEP team. Services may be provided by an on-site provider, district provider, or provider contracted through a third party.

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Application Submission Status

The application status is shown in Section 1 of the application.

Special Education Program Approvals for School Year 2025-2026 Application Status: Draft Application ID: 1024

Application Status	Description
Draft	The application is in the process of being completed. If the
	application requires edits/additions after it is submitted, you will
	receive a notification email with the required revisions. The
	application will be sent back to "Draft" status.
Submitted	Once you have reviewed the application, click "Submit" on the Site
	List page of the application. You will receive an email notification
	stating that the application has been submitted.
Pending ADE Review	The application status will change from "Submitted" to "Pending
	ADE Review" when the Special Education Program Specialist has
	begun the review process.
Approved	The application has been approved for all sites.
Approved with Contingency	This status allows individual sites to be approved while working on
	meeting requirements for other sites.
Not Approved	Requirements have not been met. The private special education
	school is not approved to accept publicly placed students. If your
	application is not approved, you will be required to begin the
	application process again to be reconsidered for approval.
History	You may make edits to approved applications throughout the
	school year. When a new draft of an application is approved, the
	old draft will be saved in your applications portal, and the status
	will change to "History." A new application will be opened.
Expired	When an unapproved application remains idle for 30 days, the
	application status will change to "Expired." You may reach out to
	the Special Education Program Specialist to reset an expired
	application.
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Approval

SEPA will only allow the application to be submitted for review when all required information has been completed. If the application is incomplete, the site will be highlighted in red, and you will be prompted to return to the application to input any missing information.

Communication regarding the application status will be via email notifications through SEPA and <u>ESSPrivateDayEDP@azed.gov</u>. Applications will be reviewed in 3-5 business days, and approval status or request for additional information will be communicated through SEPA notifications and/or emails from your assigned Special Education Program Specialist.

When the application is approved you will receive an automated notification stating your application has been approved with the approved site name(s), grade levels, and disability categories. The site may begin accepting publicly placed students.

If the application is Approved with Contingencies, you will receive an automated notification indicating the deficiencies. Once these deficiencies are corrected for each site, the application will be approved. New applicants will receive an email from the Special Education Program Specialist with the Corporate Entity ID and CTDS number and Site Entity ID(s) and CTDS number(s).

New and existing applicants will receive an email from the Special Education Program Specialist with the approval date for accepting publicly placed students.

Corporate entities and sites will be added to the **FY## Approved Private SPED School list** and published on the <u>Private Special Education Schools web page</u>. Calendars will be uploaded to the **FY## Approved Private Special Education School calendars list**.

A Special Education Program Specialist will reach out to schedule site visits.

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Revising the Application

Mid-Year Renewal

Exceptional Student Services requires corporations to submit a mid-year renewal for private special education programs that admit publicly placed students. A notification will appear as a reminder to complete the renewal.

To complete the mid-year renewal, login to the SEPA Portal and review the current application. In the home page, if there are changes in administration, ownership, staff, location, grades, special education disability categories served, or updated documentation, select "YES." Then, make the necessary changes to the application and resubmit. If there are no changes, select "NO" to confirm



that the application information is current and accurately reflects your private special education program.

Mid-year renewals will be due in mid-January.

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Updates

Private special education schools must notify ADE and update their application within 10 days of the following:

- Change in staffing adding, deleting, or changing location of teachers, paraprofessionals, or mental health providers
- Addition or removal of an approved classroom
- Change in point of contact
- Updated documentation fire inspection reports, liability insurance documentation, training documentation for CPR, First Aid, restraint training.

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Important Dates

Early May	Annual Application Opens
June 13	Application Closes
July 1	Approved Private Special Education Schools List Available
Mid-January	Mid-Year Renewal Due
TBD	Personnel Data Due in the October 1 Data Collection Application
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