

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Special Education Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Special Education Advisory Panel, and to the general public that the Special Education Advisory Panel will hold a meeting, open to the public, as specified below. The Special Education Advisory Panel reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. The meeting of the Panel will be held in-person and electronically.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (H), the Special Education Advisory Panel may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), the Special Education Advisory Panel may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on this agenda.

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If you wish to participate in-person and are not a SEAP member, please email Rebekah Shahan at rebekah.shahan@azed.gov.

The September 15, 2026, Special Education Advisory Panel meeting will be held telephonically via Zoom.

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By



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Special Education Advisory Panel

September 15, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Arizona Department of Education
Via Zoom

Arizona Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Agenda

Date: September 15, 2026

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

SEAP Webpage: [SEAP Webpage](#)

SEAP Calendar: [FY 2026-2027 Calendar](#)

Panel Members: [SEAP Membership 2026-2027](#)

Bylaws: [Arizona Special Education Advisory Panel Bylaws \(12/1/2024\)](#)

SEAP Leadership

Co-Chairs: Heidi Sinkovic and Susan Voirol

Vice Chair: Qwaye Bright

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Function/Purpose of the SEAP	Outcomes/Objectives for Today's Meeting
- Advise the State Education Agency (SEA) of unmet needs within the state in the education of students 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 of the IDEA - Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal Monitoring reports under Part of the IDEA - Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities - Review and comment on completed due process hearing findings	- Review State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) for SY 2024-2025 Indicators 1, 2, 5 and 6. - Receive information about the role of SEAP members and a national overview of special education trends - Receive information about Arizona data trends - Receive updates from the Arizona Department of Education

Agenda Item Category: RT-Regular Standing Topic ST-Special Topic AI-Action Item DI-Discussion Item AN-Advice Needed II-Information Item			
Time	Category	Agenda Item	Presenter
9:30 AM	RT	Call to Order - Panel Roll Call - Reports from the Field	SEAP Co-Chairs
9:40 AM	ST, DI, II	SEAP National Current Topics/Updates	John Copenhaver
10:40 AM	RT, DI, II	<u>Indicators:</u> Indicator 1: Graduation Indicator 2: Dropout Indicator 5: Educational Environments Indicator 6: Preschool Environments	Aanya Metrakos, ADE Adam Zogut, ADE Heather Dunphy, ADE Lisa Livesay, ADE Sam Klein, ADE
11:10 AM	ST, II	Trend Data	Judy Olaiz, ADE
11:40 AM		Lunch	
12:10 PM	RT, II	ADE Updates/State Board Updates	Alissa Trollinger, ADE
12:50 PM	RT, DI, AI	Wrap Up/Announcements Review of Meeting Outcomes Annual Report Approval for 2025-2026	SEAP Co-Chairs
1:10 PM	RT, AI	Adjourn	SEAP Co-Chairs

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: December 2, 2026

Location: In Person & Zoom