



Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services

Special Education Advisory Panel Training

Purpose, Duties, and Current Issues

September 15, 2026 | Virtual

Objective

This training is meant to provide the Arizona Special Education Advisory Panel members information regarding current emerging issues in special education that could impact children with disabilities under the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Conduct a brief review of Advisory Panel purpose and duties under IDEA and review the upcoming OSEP DMS visit.

Trainer

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Discussion Items

- Welcome, Purpose of Presentation, Review Handouts
- Required Advisory Panel Purpose and Duties under IDEA
- Working as an Advisory Panel, Not Advocacy Group
- Getting Ready for the onsite DMS Visit from OSEP
- Current Issues in Special Education and Their Possible Impact on the Advisory Panel and Children and Youth with Disabilities - My Perspective

Conclusion and Final Remarks

Adjourn

