



Special Education A Birds-Eye View

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Individual with Disabilities Education Act

Part B - includes provisions related to formula grants that assist states in providing a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities ages three through 21.

Part C - includes provisions related to formula grants that assist states in providing early intervention services for infants and toddlers birth through age two and their families.

SIX Key Elements of IDEA



1. Nondiscriminatory Evaluation
2. Procedural Safeguards
3. Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
4. Parental Participation
5. Individualized Education Program
6. Least Restrictive Environment



Idaho Special Education Resources



- **State Department of Education**
- **Idaho Special Education & Technical Assistance (SESTA)**
- **Idaho Training Clearinghouse (ITC)**

State Department of Education Website



Parent Resource Toolkit
Pre-K to college resources for parents



Events & Training
Upcoming events and training opportunities



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Scroll to the bottom and click on the **Special Education** button

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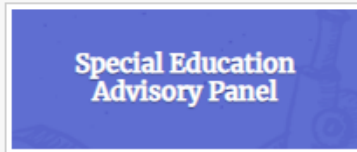
Important Links



RESOURCES

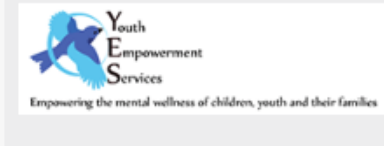


DEPARTMENT AREAS



Special Education Directors

Statewide Training & Technical Assistance (Click logos to follow links)



Idaho Training Clearing House & SESTA



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following items: HOME, RESOURCES, CALENDAR, FOR CREDIT, REGISTRATION, WEBINAR, and SESTA. The SESTA link is highlighted with a red rectangular box, and a yellow arrow points from the right towards it.

The main content area includes a search bar with the placeholder text "Search ITC Resources" and a button labeled "Search ITC Resource Library".

Below the search bar is a section titled "Search by Specialized Role" with four buttons: Directors, Paraprofessionals, Parents, and Principals.

Below that is a section titled "Search by Specific Topic" with a grid of 19 buttons:

- Accessible Educational Materials
- Assistive Technology
- Autism and Low Incidence
- Behavior
- Cultivating Readers
- Comprehensive Evaluation
- Early Childhood
- Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind
- Idaho Tiered Behavior Supports
- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Open Educational Resources
- Pyramid Collaborative
- Quick Guides Library
- RDA Monitoring System
- School-Based Medicaid
- Secondary Transition
- Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities
- Universal Design for Learning



- **This course is for new special education directors (1st and 2nd year) and directors who desire additional support and PD for specific special education-related requirements.**
- **Topics include:**
 - fiscal timelines,
 - data reporting and timelines,
 - secondary transition,
 - early childhood,
 - Medicaid school-based services,
 - alternate assessment,
 - general supervision file review (GSFR),
 - IDEA discipline,
 - significant disproportionality, and
 - LEA Determinations.

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