**April 2017**

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**Update**

Updated April 3, 2017 for OCM & OHM BOCES

**Amendment of §100.5(d)(7) of the Commissioner’s Regulations to Adjust the Eligible Score Band for an Appeal of the English Language Arts Regents Examination for Eligible English Language Learners (ELLs)**

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/417p12a1.pdf>

The eligible score band for appeal of the English Language Arts Regents Examination for Eligible English Language Learners (ELLs) is being amended to reflect the change in eligible score band for appeal by all students.

* In March of 2016, the Board of Regents amended the Regents Examination appeal score band for all students from 62-64 to 60-64. As a result, the ELL score band is being amended from 55-61 to 55-59.

**COMMISSIONER’S ADVISORY PANEL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES - PARENT OPENINGS**

The New York State Education Department’s Commissioner’s Advisory Panel for Special Education Services is currently seeking letters of interest and resumes for the constituency “Parents or Guardians of Children with Disabilities” for the central New York region.  The Panel functions in an advisory capacity to the Office of Special Education and advises the Governor, Legislature and Commissioner on unmet needs in the education of students with disabilities.

* Members are appointed for a three-year term by the Commissioner of Education.  The Commissioner’s Advisory Panel holds three meetings per year in Albany.  Members serve without compensation but their reasonable and necessary expenses for attending meetings and performing duties are reimbursed.
* Individuals from the Central New York region who are interested in becoming a parent member of the Commissioner’s Advisory Panel for Special Education Services should send a letter of interest and resume **no later than April 30, 2017**, to:

New York State Education Department

Office of Special Education

89 Washington Avenue

Room 309 EB

Albany, NY 12234

Attention:  Sandra Cote

For additional information regarding the Commissioner’s Advisory Panel for Special Education Services, please visit the New York State Education Department’s website at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/cap/>.

*Questions may be directed to Sandra Cote, Associate in Education of Children with Disabilities, at 518-473-2878, or*[*speced@nysed.gov*](mailto:speced@nysed.gov)*.*

**ANNUAL STATE APPLICATION UNDER PART B OF IDEA AS AMENDED IN 2004 FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017** at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/timely.htm>

“New York State's Annual State Application Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)for Federal Fiscal Year 2017,”will be posted for public review for 60 days (from March 10 through May 9, 2017).  The application includes the identification of New York State (NYS) requirements that are not otherwise required by federal law and regulations pursuant to IDEA section 608(a)(2).

Written public comment on the NYS 2017 Part B Application will be accepted by the Office of Special Educationfor 30 calendar days, as required by federal law (**until** **Monday,** **April 17, 2017**).  Written comments will be accepted by email with the subject line **NYS 2017 Part B Application Public Comment** to [SPEDPUBLICCOMMENT@nysed.gov](mailto:SPEDPUBLICCOMMENT@nysed.gov)

*Questions may be directed to Alison Conners in the Office of Special Education at (518)473-2878 or* [*SPECED@nysed.gov*](mailto:SPECED@nysed.gov)*.*

**PRESCHOOL**

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has released a [**Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) related to Preschool Least Restrictive Environment**.](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf) The letter reaffirms the position of the U.S. Department of Education that all young children with disabilities should have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs where they are provided with individualized and appropriate supports to enable them to meet high expectations.

[*https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf*](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf)

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