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**April 21, 2026
Advisory Council**



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OSE Updates



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Let's welcome our newest hire!

Jessica

Compliance Specialist
for Dispute Resolution



Budget

Arkansas Transition Services

- Film Camp is next week!
- College Bound soon to follow - June 3-5 @ UCA
- Regularly reviewing transition plans for compliance and follow-up training; working to get into schools who will be monitored in the 2026-2027 school year this summer to allow time to update for compliance
- Summer trainings on compliance at all coops and in some districts this summer
- Working to establish Career Councils in new communities
- Working to revamp the Interagency Transition Partnership

Assessment and Curriculum

- 1% Monitoring has concluded for the year. Districts exceeding the 1% threshold have received both student-level and systemic feedback.
- OSEP 1% Waiver Request is currently in development for the 2026–27 school year and will be released for public comment in May.
- Six regional trainings are scheduled for the spring and summer, with a focus on graduation pathways, course codes, and 1% decision-making.
- Three online modules are in development to support meaningful access:
 - Informational module on course codes
 - Leadership-focused module
 - Teacher-focused module

CAYSI

- 2025 Arkansas DeafBlind Child Count verified 277 students
- CAYSI was selected to complete additional federal reporting for Year 3 of the grant
 - Submitted April 6th
- APR Year 3 submitted on April 10th (early)
- Ongoing school and family visits to provide technical assistance

Dispute Resolution



Early Childhood Special Education

April 6th: Launched the Arkansas BASIC (Building Access for Students in Classrooms) Project to support a new cohort of programs in a two-year professional learning opportunity

Vision: Focuses on two essential components of high-quality preschool programming

The First Focuses on the Students

To ensure that every child has **access to developmentally appropriate learning experiences**, especially for our students with disabilities as they learn alongside their non-disabled peers.

The Second Focuses on the Teachers

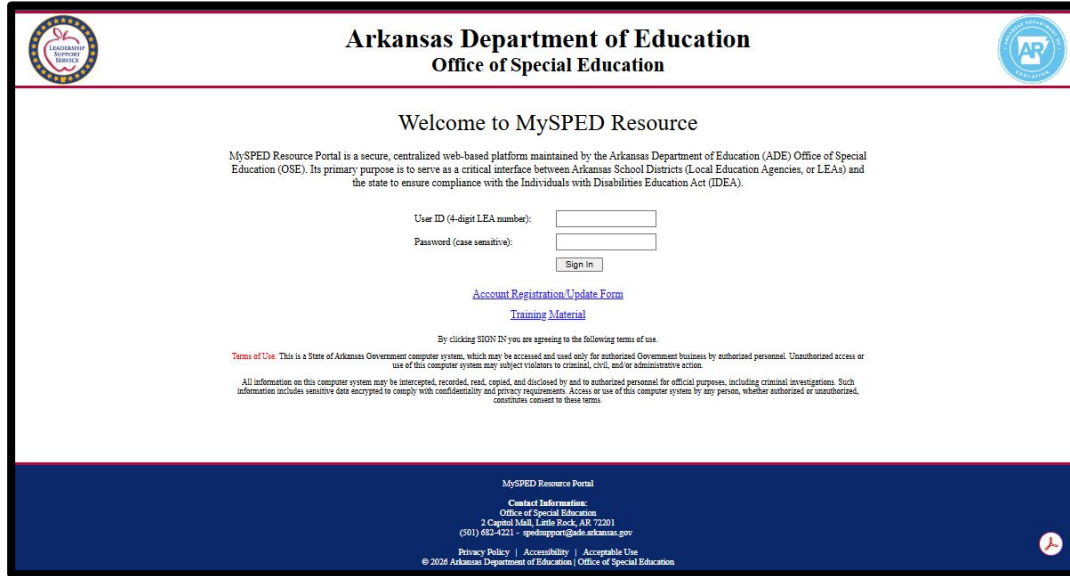
To ensure that the educators are **continuously developing their practice** so that effective instructional strategies and meaningful access are implemented consistently in each program's classrooms.

Grants & Data Management

- High Cost:
 - 25-26: 2420 claims
 - 24-25: 2086 claims
 - 23-24: 1854 claims
- Final Allocation Worksheet
 - Due June 5th in eFinance
- Fiscal Year Closeout
- AR App
 - Release of the new AR App Platform
 - Offered multiple Technical Assistance calls
 - Due June 30, 2026 in AR App Platform
- STAR Grant
 - Summer PD/Initiative to improve access to community based work experiences
- Discretionary Grants
 - Working to expand Bowen Mediation to include Hearing Officers

IDEA Data & Research

- [MySPED](#) is getting a new look! **Thank you** for all of your feedback in creating the new design!



The screenshot shows the login page for the MySPED Resource Portal. At the top, it features the Arkansas Department of Education logo on the left and the Office of Special Education logo on the right. The main heading is "Arkansas Department of Education Office of Special Education". Below this is a "Welcome to MySPED Resource" message. A paragraph explains that the portal is a secure, centralized web-based platform maintained by the ADE Office of Special Education (OSE) to serve as a critical interface between Arkansas School Districts (Local Education Agencies, or LEAs) and the state to ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The login section includes fields for "User ID (4-digit LEA number):" and "Password (case sensitive):", with a "Sign In" button. Below the login fields are links for "Account Registration/Update Form" and "Training Material". A "Terms of Use" section follows, stating that by clicking "SIGN IN", users agree to the terms of use. At the bottom, there is contact information for the Office of Special Education, including a physical address, phone number, and email. A footer contains links for "Privacy Policy", "Accessibility", and "Acceptable Use", along with a copyright notice for 2026.

Arkansas Department of Education
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MySPED Resource Portal

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Resources on [MySPED](#) under Monitoring tab include guiding documents for reports:

Conferences Completed

- **Feb 5-** Sig Dispro at Hendrix
- **Feb-Mar-** 5 Regional Data Retreats

Medicaid in the Schools (MITS)

- We are still awaiting Personal Care changes being finalized, DHS is still in talks internally since the committee meeting not going well. We will get that information out as soon as we know.
- Nursing and Transportation services are moving forward, DHS is almost ready to send out the official notice and then we will start helping districts get their provider numbers for those services and the nurses to get their PIN numbers so that they will be ready for the August start date.
- We have been working with Josh to address contracts between districts and therapy companies. This has been an ongoing issue and we are determined to work together and use our data to make sure contracts and funds being spent are fair and districts aren't being taken advantage of. Also, looking at the service side to make sure IEP's are complete and therapy is appropriate and needs are being met.

Monitoring & Program Effectiveness

- Cycle 2 monitoring is underway.
 - Timeframe 2 self-monitoring verification ends on May 21, 2026
 - 7 CAPs issued this year so far
 - 3 districts with longstanding noncompliance from 2023-24 monitoring.
 - 1 district with longstanding noncompliance from 2024-25 monitoring
- PowerSchool Special Programs
 - 64 Districts opted in for July 1, 2026 implementation
 - Onboarding and data migration for these districts is underway

SSIP/SPDG

1. Meaningful Access and Participation (MAP) Academy
 - 34 school have requested an application
 - Applications are due May 1



2. Co-Teaching with Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) Project
 - In partnership with UCA Mashburn Center for Learning
 - 26 schools have requested an application
 - Applications are due May 1



Location of next Advisory Council Meeting

**Hilton Garden Inn Little Rock Downtown
322 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR, 72202**

