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**July 21, 2026
Advisory Council**



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OSE Updates



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Let's welcome our newest team members!



Jeff Graham
SPDG Lead Program
Coordinator

Kimberly Ellison
SPDG Educational
Support Coordinator

Arkansas Transition Services

- Film Camp - great success (45 campers)! Mark your calendars for the Premiere, October 20, 2026!
- College Bound Arkansas - successful camp with 22 students and 10 parents/pros
- CTE Summer Exploration Camps - Batesville, Benton, Bentonville
- Summer Trainings in process - “No Missing Pieces, Putting Indicator 13 Together for Student Success” - at all Coops
- CIRCLES and GSC App/SDLMI (Goal Time) studies continue (Trainings in August)
- Career Councils - Searcy in the beginning stages of establishing
- Interagency Transition Partnership - kickoff was June 30 - Great turnout!
- Arkansas Strong - Summit Planning in full swing - Summit Dates: October 28-29, 2026 in Hot Springs
 - Keynote: Ben Hartranft; Therese Willkomm
- STAR Institute - districts preparing to implement community based work experiences for students (17 teams attended).

Assessment and Curriculum

- The A & C team completed eight trainings across the state on Aligning Instruction and Access this spring and summer which included discussion on course codes, graduation pathways, and instructional planning.
- Presented Meaningful Access for Leadership at ADE Summit.
- MIDAS project resources are available (themidasproject.org); presented on this project at the National Conference on School Assessment in June.
- Three online modules have been posted to the OSE website regarding meaningful access - targeting counselors, teachers, and administrators.
- A 1% Threshold Waiver was submitted to OESE in June.
- Planning for 1% monitoring for 26-27 is ongoing.
- The course, “Using Evaluation Data to Plan for Specially Designed Instruction” is now live on AR IDEAS.

CAYSI

- Attended Arkansas Hands & Voices Family Day
- Held a CAYSI Casual Connections Zoom for families
- Presented for SPED Hot Topics
- Collaborated with the LA DeafBlind Project and the MD/DC DeafBlind Project about children moving to/from Arkansas

Dispute Resolution



Early Childhood Special Education

- July 17th- Kick-Off for the nine early childhood programs throughout the state that will participate in our new BASIC cohort
- We have provided professional development on Practice-Based Coaching, Functional Behavior Assessments, and Behavior Intervention Plans this month and will continue through mid-August across the state
- Team is currently developing a new Child Outcomes Summary presentation for districts and coops to understand the significance of early childhood data:
 - knowledge of the three outcomes and what is measured
 - accountability for program effectiveness
 - how children are progressing toward age-expected functional (how the child uses his/her skills in daily life) and developmental skills (what they can do)
- Attending medical conferences and collaborating with the Arkansas Optometric Association to increase our outreach for students with vision impairments (birth to five)

Grants & Data Management

Soft Close of SFY 26

- SFY 26: Period 13 during July and August

SFY 27 opened July 1, 2026

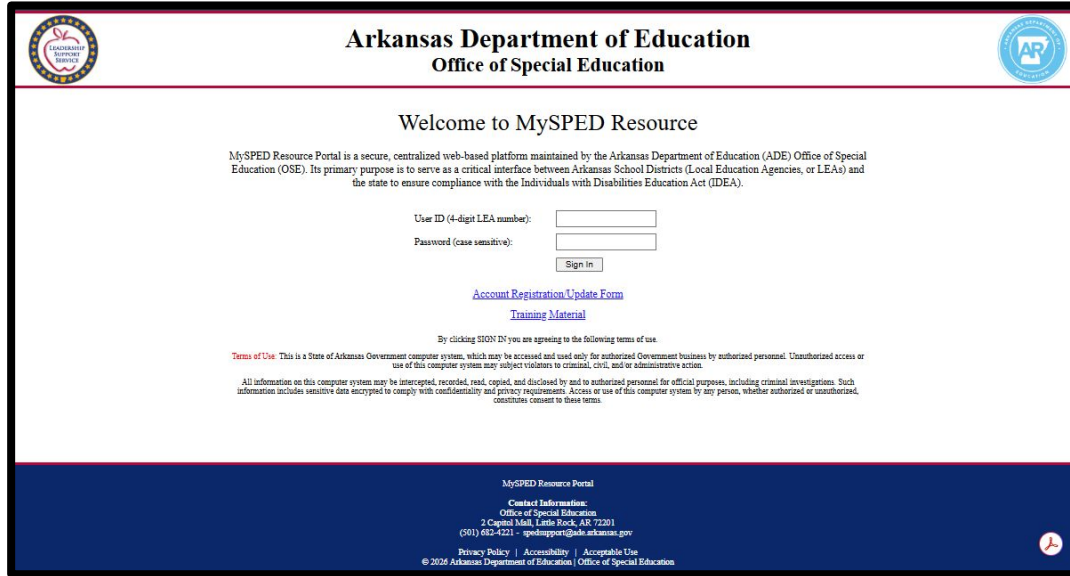
New State Fiscal System, S/4HANA, replaced AASIS and is now live.

HCO 2026:

- 2350 approved claims vs 2084 in 24-25 (increase of 266; 12.76%)
- \$75,725,990.82 in approved claims before offsets
 - Pass through for IDEA Part B 611 & 619 is: \$126,928,403.44
 - 59.66% of IDEA Part B funds support 2350 students with disabilities
- 112 DNQ vs 101 in 24-25
- \$17,934,000 prorated at 55.03645%

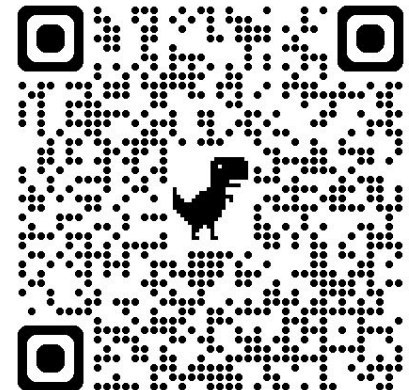
IDEA Data & Research

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



The screenshot shows the MySPED Resource Portal login page. At the top, there are two logos: 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). There are two input fields: "User ID (4-digit LEA number):" and "Password (case sensitive):". Below the password field is a "Sign In" button. There are two links: "Account Registration/Update Form" and "Training Material". A small "Terms of Use" section follows, stating that by clicking "SIGN IN", the user agrees to the terms of use. The footer contains the "MySPED Resource Portal" title, "Contact Information" for the Office of Special Education (2 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 682-4221, spedsupport@ade.arkansas.gov), and a "Privacy Policy | Accessibility | Acceptable Use" link. The copyright notice is "© 2026 Arkansas Department of Education | Office of Special Education".

- [Family Survey](#)
 - Available in English, Spanish and Marshallese in Scantron and online)
 - QR codes for each district were sent out to each LEA Supervisor to allow family members to directly log into each survey without passwords
- New [Colossyan](#) posted for [family surveys](#) & [timely and accurate](#).
- Good feedback from [ADE Summit on Target Setting](#)
 - We presented target setting in July 2025 at the advisory board, if you didn't participate, please [vote](#)!



Medicaid in the Schools (MITS)

- Personal Care Update - Effective September 2026 (Tentative)
- School-based Skilled Nursing Services - Effective beginning of SY 2026-2027
 - Students with IHP
 - Districts must enroll as a provider
 - Nurses (RN/LPN) will need NPI and PIN number to render billable services
- OMIG Update - Effective August 2027
 - DMS-640
 - Treatment plan

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) vs. Medicaid Treatment Plan

While an IEP is a required educational document under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), it does not meet Medicaid requirements for a treatment plan. Medicaid requires a treatment plan that:

- Is developed specifically for medical treatment purposes.
- Reflects medical necessity as defined by Medicaid.
- Is aligned with an active physician order or prescription.
- Supports the services billed to Medicaid.
- An IEP may inform care coordination, but it cannot substitute for a Medicaid-compliant treatment plan for OT, PT, or SLP services.

Medicaid in the Schools (MITS)

Quick Access

NPI & Medicaid PIN Instructions



Step 1



NPI

Step 2



Medicaid PIN



Monitoring & Program Effectiveness

- Cycle 2 monitoring is complete
 - 8 monitoring CAPs issued
 - 7 self-assessment CAPs issued
 - 1 district with longstanding noncompliance from 2023-24 monitoring
 - 2 districts with longstanding noncompliance from 2024-25 monitoring
- PowerSchool Special Programs
 - 61 districts opted in for July 1, 2026 implementation
 - Training for these districts is underway
- In May, we recorded an IEP course for the Apprentice Program. The course will be on AR Ideas for all educators
- Piloting the Student Outcome Review Toolkit (SORT) this fall in 2-3 districts

SSIP/ACC/SPDG

Meaningful Access and Participation (MAP) Academy

- Allbritton Elementary (Hamburg)
- Asbell Elementary (Fayetteville)
- East End Intermediate (Sheridan)
- Jacksonville Elementary (Jacksonville North Pulaski)
- Westwood Elementary (Springdale)

Co-Teaching with Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) Project

- Cabot Junior High North and South (Cabot)
- Monticello Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools (Monticello)
- Siloam Springs Middle School South (Siloam Springs)

7th Annual Arkansas School-Based Therapy Conference

- July 28-29, 2026