



2023-24 COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings for the council on special education may be attended virtually on Zoom as well as in person where indicated. In-person attendance for council meetings is located at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Registration (virtual Zoom) and sign-in (in-person) are required.

Friday, October 6, 2023

(Virtual and in-person options)

Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workgroup Meeting 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (If Requested)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Fall Public Forum (Virtual and online)

Virtual and Online Comments to Council

Join the council virtually via Zoom to provide live comments to the council or provide comments anytime between October 6-13, 2023, using an online comment form.

Friday, December 8, 2023

(Virtual and in-person options)

Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workgroup Meeting 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (If requested)

Friday, March 15, 2024

(Virtual and in-person options)

Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workgroup Meeting 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (If requested)

Friday, June 7, 2024

(Virtual and in-person options)

Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workgroup Meeting 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (If requested)

Additional special meetings may be called as needed.

For questions about the council, contact Wisconsin DPI at (608) 266-1781

Council on Special Education Roles

The Council on Special Education is a committee appointed by the state superintendent to provide policy guidance to the Department of Public Instruction and its Division for Learning Support (DLS) in matters related to the education of all children with disabilities in Wisconsin. (34 CFR 300.167 and 15.377(4), Wis. Stats.).

The Council:

- advises the State Superintendent of unmet needs within Wisconsin in the education of children with disabilities;
- comments publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by Wisconsin regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- advises the State Superintendent in developing evaluations and reporting on data to OSEP under IDEA;
- advises the State Superintendent in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under IDEA; and
- advises the State Superintendent in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

(34 CFR 300.169)

As noted above, the role of the council is to advise the State Superintendent. Thus, any letters of support for specific budget or other educational initiatives should be sent to the State Superintendent and not directed to other entities (i.e., state legislature). As stated in s.15.377(4), Wis Stat., public comment is limited to rules proposed by the Department of Public Instruction regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Thus, there are specific processes and requirements for how public comment is provided on rules proposed by the Department of Public Instruction that the Wisconsin DPI and council must follow.