**SED Update**

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**special education**

**Proposed Amendment of Part 279 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to State level Review of Impartial Hearing Officer Determinations for Students With Disabilities**

The proposed amendment is needed to correct citations and references, provide clarification of the procedures concerning appeals of impartial hearing officer decisions to a State Review Officer, and to expedite and otherwise facilitate the processing of petitions for review to State Review Officers.

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/116p12d3.pdf>

**2015-16 Application for Exception to the One Percent Cap on Proficient or Above Scores Based on Alternate Achievement Standards**

The application to request an exception from NYSED to exceed the 1.0 percent cap in counting as proficient and advanced for accountability purposes, during the 2014-15 school year, the scores of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities based on alternate academic achievement standards is available at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/timely.htm>

**Field Advisory Memo: School Districts’ Responsibilities to Provide Students with Disabilities with Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services in the Least Restrictive Environment** The purpose of this memorandum is to seek the attention of parents, school districts and communities to maximize participation of students with disabilities, in general education programs and to ensure that students with disabilities are being provided with opportunities to receive high-quality instruction in the LRE.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2015memos/documents/SpecialEducationFieldAdvisoryMemoLRE.pdf>

Individual district data can be found at [http://data.nysed.gov/lists.php/type=district](http://data.nysed.gov/lists.php/type%3Ddistrict)

Written comments on the proposed policy can be submitted to spedpubliccommen@nysed.gov

**Annual Registration of All New Students Classified as Legally Blind for Procurement of Adapted Educational Materials Produced by the American Printing House for the Blind**

The annual registration form for students who are legally blind and **newly enrolled** as of January 5, 2016 of this school year is now available at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2015-memos/documents/APHFieldMemoDec2015.pdf>

**Appeal of Scores for the Safety Net Local Diploma for Students with Disabilities** Amendment to Regulations regarding Graduation Requirements to Extend the Appeal Process to include Appeal of Scores for the Safety Net Local Diploma for Students with Disabilities <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1215p12a1.pdf>.

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