
Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities Annual Report 2023-24

The Background:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires state education agencies to establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the state. See 34 C.F.R. § 300.167. The Tennessee Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities is responsible for providing guidance to the Tennessee Department of Education, including producing an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the Tennessee State Board of Education on the progress made in special education by the state, its agencies and institutions, and its school districts during the preceding year. See T.C.A. § 49-10-105(e)(4).

The 2023-24 Annual Report includes information regarding the state's efforts to promote the quality of services and supports for students with disabilities, to increase the quality and quantity of educators supporting students with disabilities, and to ensure sufficient funding for local education agencies.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by informing the State Board members of the state's implementation of special education law and supports for local education agencies and families of students with disabilities.

The Recommendation:

This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required.