



Office for Exceptional Children (Jan. 18, 2013)

Regional Meetings for Public Feedback on Revising the Operating Standards for Students with Disabilities

In February 2013, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) is holding eight regional meetings to gather public feedback on the draft *Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities*. The regional meetings are being hosted by the State Support Teams (SSTs) and occur from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the dates below. Please attend a meeting near you to hear about the proposed changes from the ODE and to provide feedback. The draft Operating Standards are posted on the [ODE website](#) and can be found using the keyword search "Revision of the Operating Standards for Students with Disabilities". Draft 2 will be posted on February 1st.

February 5, 2013 hosted by SST Region 14
Location: 5350 W. New Market Rd., Hillsboro, OH 45133

February 6, 2013 hosted by SST Region 5
Location: 429 Lisbon St., Canfield, OH 44406

February 7, 2013 hosted by SST Region 6
Location: 1045 Dearbaugh Ave., Suite #1, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

February 12, 2013 hosted by SST Region 16
Location: 21 Birge Dr., Chauncey, OH 45719

February 13, 2013 hosted by SST Region 11
Location: 2080 Citygate Dr., Columbus, OH 43219

February 19, 2013 hosted by SST Region 8
Location: 420 Washington Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

February 20, 2013 hosted by SST Region 12
Location: 1300 Clairmont Ave., Cambridge, OH 43925

February 21, 2013 hosted by SST Region 1
Location: 2275 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43620

Draft Accommodations Policies Released for Public Comment

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) released two draft accommodations policies for public comment, the reading access accommodation and the calculator use accommodation.

First, the reading access accommodation will allow the passages, test items and answer choices on the English language arts/literacy assessment to be read to



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students who have a disability that prevents them from accessing printed text or has not yet learned braille. The calculator policy will allow students who do not have the ability to calculate single digit numbers the use of a calculator for all items on the math assessment except those that measure fluency, as fluency is a skill required by the standards in some early grades. Both accommodations will have specific eligibility criteria and will be limited to students who meet these criteria.

From January 16, 2013 until February 4, 2013, the draft accommodations policies are posted on the PARCC website. Interested parties can provide feedback through a survey posted on the PARCC website, answering questions specific to each policy. The survey is available here: <http://www.parcconline.org/open-policies-public-comment>

Once feedback is provided on these policies, they will be included in a larger policy that details all accommodations provided to students with disabilities and English language learners.

Applications being accepted for two positions in the Office for Exceptional Children

The Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children, has two vacant positions posted until January 28th. Applications and resumes must be submitted through the website below.

Complaint Investigator - Educational Employee Consultant 3, PN 20009991

Behavioral Consultant - Educational Employee Consultant 3, PN 20079634

To view and/or apply for this position, please visit <http://careers.ohio.gov>, go to "Search for State of Ohio Government Jobs", under agency check "education" and then click "search".