



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Transportation Supervisors, Directors of Special Education, Related Service Providers

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Seeking Applicants for the Special Education Transportation Task Force

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) is seeking volunteers to serve on the Special Education Transportation Task Force, established under P.L. 2025, c. 301. The purpose of the Task Force is to examine current practices related to the transportation of students who receive special education and related services, including the identification and response to medical and behavioral emergencies on school buses. The Task Force will review practices in New Jersey and other states and will provide the NJDOE with actionable recommendations for improvement.

Members of the Task Force will be appointed by the Governor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, as set forth in the statute. The NJDOE welcomes applications from individuals who meet one of the required membership categories described below and who bring expertise, lived experience, and a commitment to improving safe and effective transportation for students with disabilities.

The Task Force will consist of 23 members, including four State officials (or designees) and 19 public members appointed by the Governor. The NJDOE is seeking applicants who meet one of the following public member categories outlined in the statute:

- One (1) representative from each of the following organizations:
 - New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)
 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA)
 - New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA)
 - SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
 - Disability Rights New Jersey
 - New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - New Jersey Education Association
 - New Jersey Association of School Business Officials
 - New Jersey Association of Special Education Partner Schools

- One (1) nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist with special education experience
- One (1) physical therapist with expertise in transportation safety, specific to the physical requirements of various disability classifications
- One (1) behavior specialist with experience addressing risks associated with autism or emotional regulation impairment classifications
- One (1) individual employed by a school district in New Jersey as a Director of Special Education Services
- Two (2) individuals who serve on child study teams in New Jersey public schools
- Two (2) individuals who serve as bus aides on school buses transporting students receiving special education and related services
- Two (2) parents of children who are receiving or have received special education and related services that include transportation services

The Task Force must organize within 90 days of enactment. The initial information session for selected members, appointed by the Governor, will be held on a date to be determined. All subsequent meetings will be scheduled over the following year and will occur both virtually and in person as the Task Force develops its recommendations. Members serve on a volunteer basis and are not reimbursed for their services.

The application form should be completed via Microsoft Forms at: [2026 Special Education Transportation Task Force](#). In addition, the candidate's resume should be emailed to OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov no later than the deadline. Questions should be directed to this same email address.