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## **Special Education Report**

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The Educational Partnership which is a branch of the New York State Education Department Office of Special Education has launched a new website (<https://osepartnership.org/>). The Educational Partnership is a network of support focused on enhancing services and supports for students with disabilities from early childhood to school age and post school opportunities. The website is intended for the public, parents and families of students with disabilities and education professionals. Included is contact information for Family and Community Engagement centers and links to register for upcoming trainings.

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The U.S. Office of Special Education Programs sent a letter to State directors of special education on October 6, 2022. The letter emphasized that federal special education law requires elementary, middle and high school special education teachers to hold a bachelor's degree and be fully certified to teach special education. Certification and license requirements may not be waived on a temporary, emergency or provisional basis. The special education field faces a severe staff shortage. States must ensure the special education teachers are adequately trained according to the Individuals with Disabilities Act.

<https://www.k12dive.com/news/osep-to-states-special-educators-cant-teach-under-emergency-licenses/633374/?fbclid=IwAR04mWPKy-a8C6gGjcf76piulggtm30fBpJsJozHdl47baFpbBS5elqQ76k>

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/OSEP-Memo-22-01-Personnel-Qualifications-under-IDEA-10-04-2022.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2hpMpm6Na7bRDRSVbKyYsdLw-2DYxATkG8srBn-1AF6vk2kMSFXRiID4k>