

Special Education Leadership Academy
Presents
Practical Guidance on Section 504: Developing a Defensible Plan
Administrator Academy #948 ♦ Three locations

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

This course is designed for staff who are in the position of developing, monitoring, supervising or implementing the components of a 504 Plan. Section 504, as a federal civil rights law, has sweeping implications for all schools. In light of the new legislation requiring Section 504 Plans under the Care of Students with Diabetes Act, increased attention can be anticipated in the area of compliance. Topics to be discussed and covered include eligibility, child find obligations, evaluation, the components of a 504 Plan, procedural safeguards, discipline and recent legislation/case law.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Christina Sepiol serves as the Assistant Director of the SWCCCASE Cooperative. Prior to her position within the Cooperative, Ms. Sepiol was the legal counsel for numerous school districts throughout the State of Illinois, focusing her practice in matters related to special education, student discipline, and disability rights. Ms. Sepiol graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University in 1987 where she received her Bachelor's Degree in education. She received her Juris Doctorate from Loyola in 1990 and her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from DePaul University in 1998. Her educational experiences have included teaching in the field of special education at the elementary through high school levels and serving as a building principal in an alternative day school setting. Prior to representing school districts, Ms. Sepiol represented parents whose interests were adverse to school districts from 1990-98. She also serves as a Due Process Hearing Officer for the Indiana Department of Education. Ms. Sepiol is a member of the Illinois Bar Association and has served on the Illinois Council of School Attorney's Committees on Special Education and the No Child Left Behind Act.

Teri Engler is one of the founding partners of Sraga Hauser, LLC, a law firm which focuses its practice on the representation of Illinois public school districts and special education joint agreements. Ms. Engler received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 1976 and worked as a high school teacher before earning her Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 1980. She concentrates her school law practice in the areas of special education/ disability law and other student and personnel issues. She is a member of the Illinois Attorney General's Special Committee on Special Education and numerous other professional committees and organizations in the fields of law and education. Ms. Engler regularly lectures on school law topics at local, state, and national conferences and training programs, and has frequently been recognized by Chicago Magazine as an "Illinois Super Lawyer" in the area of schools and education.

Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. ♦ Program: 8:30 – 3:30 P.M.

This workshop is partially funded by IDEA Discretionary funds from ISBE.

In addition to Administrator Academy, Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU's) & Social Work Continuing Education Units will be available to participants who attend the workshop.

\$75.00 Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch. No purchase orders accepted. Payment must accompany registration.

Please make checks payable to: Woodford County Special Education Association.

Mail registration and fee to:
Phyllis Fisher,
205 South Englewood Drive,
Metamora, IL 61548.

******Cancellation Policy****** Notice: If you cannot attend, please call at least seven (7) working days prior to the workshop date to cancel your reservation. No refund will be given after that date, but alternates will be accepted when original registrant cannot be present at the workshop.

_____ **October 17 Chicago Marriott Oak Brook** 1401 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL

_____ **November 14 Four Points Fairview Heights** 319 Fountains Pkwy, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

_____ **November 15 I Hotel Champaign** 1900 S. First Street, Champaign, IL

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