

Arlington SPED PAC Presentation to the Arlington School Committee

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Handout Sources

A Parent's Guide to Special Education, a joint publication of the Federation for Children with Special Needs & the Mass DOE, is available in several languages at <http://www.fcsn.org>

The following Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center materials are available on their website under publications: <http://www.usu.edu/mprrc/>

- *A Primer on People First Language*
- *A Parent Primer on Special Education Acronyms, Abbreviations, & Definitions*
- *The Least Restrictive Environment: A Primer for Parents & Educators*
- *Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities: Information for Parents & Educators*

Massachusetts Special Education Regulations are available on the Mass DOE website

- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr28.html>

Text of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 04)

- [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/F?c108:1:./temp/~c108dUKCJv:e615:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/F?c108:1:./temp/~c108dUKCJv:e615)

Note that regulations for IDEA 04 are not yet final. Preliminary resources will be available on several websites and more are forthcoming:

- Updates on IDEA 04 Regs: <http://www.nichcy.org/idearegsnews.htm>
- US Dept Education, Office for Special Education (OSEP)
<http://www.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/resources.html>
- Federation links to OSEP 1-page summaries: <http://fcsn.org/ideafactsheets.html>
- Anticipated changes at Wrightslaw: <http://www.wrightslaw.com/law/idea/ieps.rbi.htm>

Data Sources

Rate Students in SPED FY04

- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/InfoServices/reports/enroll/sped04/sp.xls>

SPED rates by school in Arlington from NCLB Report Cards FY04

- <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/nclbreportcards.htm>

Students by educational placement FY04

- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/InfoServices/reports/enroll/sped04/ee.xls>

Arlington School Committee Minutes of the meetings online

- http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/Public_Documents/ArlingtonMA_Schools/F000173DF/

Identifying Peer Communities for Arlington, Vision 2020 report September 2004

- <http://www.arlington2020.org/fiscal/PeerCommunities.pdf>

SPED expenditures by district & service type FY04

- <http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/seducation/sped04.xls>

MCAS gr 10 results by student status FY04

- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2004/results/data/dis04subgroup.txt>

State Auditor's Report on the Massachusetts Municipal Medicaid Program, 6/7/04

- http://www.mass.gov/sao/Medicaid%20FINAL%20Report_060704.pdf