



OSDE Special Education Services Sessions @Vision 2020

The Oklahoma State Department of Education - Special Education Services Division (OSDE-SES) is excited to be participating in Vision 2020 this year. We have many exciting changes as well as new resources and innovative ideas to share with everyone in our field. The following list gives a brief overview of sessions conducted by the OSDE-SES and the current schedule. It does not represent the entirety of Vision 2020 sessions. More information about Vision 2020 sessions will be available soon. If you have any questions regarding Vision 2020, please contact Ashley Hahn at 405-521-4893 or Ashley.Hahn@sde.ok.gov. If you have questions related to the OSDE-SES sessions listed below, please contact Todd Loftin at 405-522-3237 or Todd.Loftin@sde.ok.gov.

Administrator Sessions (July 9th)

Special Education Updates (8-8:45am)

Dr. Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent, OSDE Special Education Services

An overview will be provided of Special Education Policies, new generation assessments, educational supports, website/resource information, and trainings related to Special Education Services.

Policies and Handbook (11-11:45am and 1:30-2:15pm)

Dr. Rene Axtell, OSDE Special Education Services Assistant State Superintendent

Part one of this session (11-11:45am) will provide an overview of changes to our policies and procedures. Part two of this session (1:30-2:15pm) will provide an overview of the changes to Special Education forms. Training materials will be provided for you to take back to your district.

Co-teaching and Inclusion (2:30-4:15pm)

Carolyn Thomas, Special Services Director, Ardmore City Schools

Tracey Lindroth, Specialist, OSDE Special Education Services

Administrators are key to successful co-teaching programs. This session will provide an overview of the co-teaching model and discuss the importance and benefits of co-teaching and inclusion. Strategies for creating and maintaining a successful program will be provided as well as training materials to take back to your district.

Teacher Sessions (July 10th)

Special Education Updates (8-8:45am)

Dr. Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent, OSDE Special Education Services

An overview will be provided of Special Education Policies, new generation assessments, educational supports, website/resource information, and trainings related to Special Education Services.

Assessments and Students with Disabilities (11-11:45am)

Todd P. Loftin, Executive Director, OSDE Special Education Services

This session provides an overview of new generation assessments and the elimination of the OMAAP as an assessment option. It will explore issues regarding accommodations, design, and accessibility in terms of providing access to students with disabilities.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) (11-11:45am)

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This session will provide discussion and information regarding DLM. The new DLM alternate assessment system will let students with significant cognitive disabilities show what they know in ways that traditional multiple-choice tests cannot. The project is guided by the belief that all students should have access to challenging grade-level content.

Standards and Students with Disabilities (1:30-2:15pm)

Craig Walker, Project Specialist, OSDE Special Education Services

Rigorous academic standards represent a challenging opportunity for IEP development. In this session, we'll discuss how to align IEPs with rigorous standards. We will also discuss strategies for increasing access to standards and preparing students with disabilities to master content level objectives.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and Essential Elements (1:30-2:15pm)

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The DLM Essential Elements are linked to the grade level specific expectations for students with significant cognitive disabilities. They are statements of content and skills that provide a bridge for students with significant cognitive disabilities to achieve grade differentiated expectations. This session takes a deeper look into the Essential Elements of DLM and what they mean for students with disabilities.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) (2:30-4:15pm)

Angela Kwok, Specialist, OSDE Special Education Services

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a theory of learning based on research regarding how people acquire, utilize, and engage with new knowledge. Students with disabilities should benefit from utilizing the principles of UDL: multiple means of representation; multiple means of action and expression; and multiple means of engagement. This session explores UDL and will provide strategies for utilizing the principles of UDL in your classroom.

Co-Teaching and Inclusion (2:30-4:15pm)

Tracey Lindroth, Specialist, OSDE Special Education Services

Co-Teaching is a service delivery option for students with an IEP. Under this option, students receive some or all of their specialized instruction and related services in the context of the general education classroom. This session explores types of co-teaching, their benefit to students with an IEP and strategies to increase the quality of delivery.