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**To:** Deans and Directors of Institutions of Higher Education Offering Programs  
Leading to Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2)

**From:** Emily Sutherland *Emily J. Sutherland*

**Subject:** New Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2) Regulations

A recent change in regulations will impact educator preparation programs leading to the Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2) certificate (initial, initial/professional, and professional) for candidates enrolling in the Fall 2024 semester. The change revises the program's pedagogical core requirements such that these programs must focus on developing comprehensive knowledge, understanding, and skills for teaching students with disabilities, including students with disabilities who are culturally and linguistically diverse. For more information regarding these changes in regulation, please see the September 2022 Regents Item here: <https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/922brca9.pdf>

The Department is asking each institution offering a registered educator preparation program leading to the Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2) certificate to complete and return the attached **Statement of Assurance by July 1, 2024 to OCUEdapps@nysed.gov**. If you have questions, please send them to the Office of College and University Evaluation at [OCUEINFO@nysed.gov](mailto:OCUEINFO@nysed.gov).

Attachment



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**Registered Education Programs Leading to Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2)  
Statement of Assurance**

Institution Name:		
Address (Street, City, Zip Code):		
Dean/Director or Designee of Educator Preparation Programs: (Last Name, First Name, Dr./Mr./Ms.)		Title:
Telephone Number: ( )	Fax Number: ( )	E-mail Address:

**Certification of Dean/Director or Designee of Educator Preparation Programs at Institutions of Higher Education Offering Programs Leading to Initial and/or Professional Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2) Certification:**

I hereby certify that registered educator preparation programs leading to initial, initial/professional, or professional certification in SWD (Birth – Grade 2) serving candidates enrolling on or after the September 1, 2024 at the above-named institution include the following program elements:

**Pedagogical Core Requirement**

Consistent with §52.21(b)(2)(ii)(c), the institution ensures that candidates enrolled in programs leading to an initial and/or professional certificate complete study in a pedagogical core that provides the candidate with pedagogical knowledge, understanding, and skills in developing comprehensive knowledge, understanding, and skills for teaching students with disabilities, including students with disabilities who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

**Certification of the Dean/Director or Designee of Educator Preparation Programs**

Signature	Date
Type or print the name of the Dean/Director or Designee of Educator Preparation Programs	

Please complete and return the attestation by July 1, 2024, to [OCUEdapps@nysed.gov](mailto:OCUEdapps@nysed.gov)