



# APPLY TODAY

## Commissioner's Advisory Panel for Special Education Services

### WHAT:

States are required by Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to have an advisory panel for special education. The Commissioner's Advisory Panel for Special Education Services (or "CAP") serves in this capacity for New York State. CAP functions in an advisory capacity to the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Office of Special Education and advises the Governor, Legislature and Commissioner of unmet needs in the education of children with disabilities. Its responsibilities are prescribed by section 4403(6) of the State Education Law in accordance with section 612 of the IDEA.

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New York State  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

### APPLY:

Interested in becoming a  
CAP member?!

Scan the QR code to visit  
the CAP website and  
access the CAP Member  
Application form.



### WHO:

Members are appointed for a three-year term by the Commissioner of Education to represent one of the following constituencies:

- Individuals with Disabilities
- Parents of Children with Disabilities who have an individualized education program
- Teachers
- State/Local Education Officials Including Official Representing Homeless
- Administrators of Programs for Children with Disabilities
- State Agencies that are Involved in the Delivery of Related Services
- Provider of Transition Services and Business/Vocational Representative
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Private (Religious or Independent) and Charter Schools
  - Corrections Agencies (Juvenile and Adult)
  - State Child Welfare Agency Responsible for Foster Care

\* A majority of the CAP membership (51%) must be individuals with disabilities or parents of students with disabilities.

### QUESTIONS:

Additional information, including the CAP Member Application form and other information about CAP, can be found on the [CAP webpage](#).

Questions may be directed to the Office of Special Education Policy Unit, at (518) 473-2878 or [speced@nysed.gov](mailto:speced@nysed.gov).