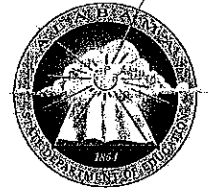




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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 290-8-9, Special Education Services.

Matthew S. Brown, J.D.
District I

Montgomery, AL. — The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Special Education Services, will conduct three public hearings on the proposed changes to the *Alabama Administrative Code* (AAC), 290-8-9, Special Education Services. The purpose of the hearing is to allow public comment on the proposed changes, as required by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* and the implementing regulations. Each person will be allowed one-time opportunity to make a two-minute public comment. If persons have additional comments, we encourage them to provide written comments to the address indicated below.

Betty Paters
District II

Stephanie Bell
District III

The public hearings will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the following locations: (please see directions below)

Yvette M.
Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
President Pro Tem

Location	Address	DATE
Saraland	Saraland High School Performing Arts Center 1115 Industrial Parkway Saraland, AL 36571	October 29, 2015
Cullman	Cullman City High School Auditorium 510 13th St NE Cullman, AL 35055	November 4, 2015

Ella B. Bell
District V

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

Jeff Newman
District VII
Vice President

The proposed changes to the AAC may be downloaded from the ALSDE Web site at www.alsde.edu. On the Web site select the Offices tab, scroll down, and select Special Education Services from the listing under Office of Learning Support. On the Special Education Services page, select Policy from menu on the right side of the page. Next, select the Proposed AAC Changes October 2015 file and follow the directions for download.

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.
District VIII

The proposed changes to the AAC in print format may be requested by contacting Ms. Crystal Richardson at (334) 242-8114 or sesaac@alsde.edu.

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Written comments may be submitted to sesaac@alsde.edu. Comments must be submitted no later than November 15, 2015. Individuals will have an additional opportunity to provide public comment **before** the proposed changes are finalized and are presented to the State Board of Education in the Spring of 2016.