



# 2025-26 NYS IDEA Determination



Attn: DDC, Special Ed Director, PPS  
Office, Superintendent

Appeals Due: May, 23, 2025  
*If warranted*

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Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §300.600 mandates that states annually assess each public school district's compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, New York's determinations will be based on a Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Matrix Structure to evaluate school district outcomes on both performance and compliance measures.

- [Full Memo from the Office of Accountability](#)
- [Executive Summary](#)
- [2025-26 IDEA Accountability Guide](#)

## Verification Process

- [Navigate to the NYS IRSP site](#)
- Download the file named "IDEA District Determination Indicators and Scoring by District\_April 2025." (The data used to make these calculations are your verified Special Education data reported through SIRS (Level O) and the PD System)
- [Using the Data Dictionary](#) districts should review each column for major discrepancies (Note: The data dictionary follows the exact order of the columns in the file)
- Find your preliminary status determination for 2025-26, as well as your scores in the RDA Matrix in Columns H, I, K

## Determinations:

- Meeting requirements - No action required
- Needing assistance - For the first year, the district must undertake self-directed improvements
- Needing intervention - Districts categorized as "Needing assistance" for multiple years will require additional technical support
- Needing substantial intervention - Districts necessitating this intervention receive enhanced support, oversight, and stakeholder engagement to address deficiencies
- If you find discrepancies in your data or a calculation, please use the following process to submit an appeal

## Appeals Process – Due by May 23, 2025

Districts have an opportunity to notify the Office of Special Education and Office of Information Reporting Services if an error was made in the scoring (e.g., if the data used in scoring does not match the data submitted or certified by the district to NYSED).

1. [Log into to the NYSED Business Portal](#)
2. Click on "SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System" under "My Applications"
3. Select "[View Surveys for Special Education – Districts](#)"
4. Find the survey titled "2025 IDEA LEA Determination Appeal"
5. Click on "view" to begin/continue to input information required for the application