

# ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS, & EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

## Get to Know Us

The Assessment, Standards, and Education for Students with Disabilities (ASES) Collaborative supports states as they enhance their assessment, accountability, and curriculum and instruction systems to provide equity and inclusion for students with disabilities. We know that our students have diverse needs, that's why we convene experts like you from across the field of special education. Our members contribute critical knowledge and expertise to advancing our mission. You'll work with colleagues in state education agencies, industry, and higher education to create an equitable path to success for every student.

## Benefits of Our Collaborative

At our invitation-only virtual and in-person events, you'll work with fellow experts in your field to share learnings and solve challenges related to the issues facing students with a wide range of disabilities, including the unique support needed for English learners with disabilities. Expect to join a professional learning community that encourages honest and open dialogue about challenges, successes, lessons learned, and plans for continuous improvement. In the 2019-2020 program year, ASES Collaborative members were busy championing our students' needs. Here's what our members were up to:

- Explored resources to support state work primarily focused on serving students with disabilities.
- Identified and disseminated key learnings to make the education landscape more equitable for these vulnerable students.
- Worked closely with renowned experts in this movement through exclusive working groups and an interactive roundtable speaker series.

## Our Focus in 2020-2021

The educational landscape has been shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic, our members are leading the response to support states as they address the implications of everything from a missed year of assessment for students with disabilities to providing remote education and related services to students with disabilities. We'll steer the national conversation through webinars, meetings, and reports to help our peers effectively respond to this new reality. At the same time, we'll keep pushing the boundaries of our field to improve the educational landscape for our students. You'll join nationally recognized experts for conversations on equity, special education, instruction, and assessment to identify and disseminate ways states can improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for all students.

## Here's Where You'll Find Us

For the July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 program year, meetings will be held in-person when possible, and virtually when necessary due to safety. Any in-person meetings will also include the option to participate virtually. The Assessment, Standards, and Education for Students with Disabilities Collaborative meeting dates for this program year are:

- October 21-22, 2020
- February 23-24, 2021 (Jacksonville, FL)
- June 24-25, 2021 (Minneapolis, MN)



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