

# Understanding the Law on Special Needs Students, Equity and Disproportionality

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Students with IEPs are entitled under state and federal law to fully participate in all aspects of school district's educational program, with appropriate modifications and accommodations, as appropriate. Where barriers exist to full participation school districts are legally obligated to identify and work to alleviate those barriers. In addition, significant legal issues arise when students in a particular racial or ethnic group are disproportionately identified as needing special education, are placed in certain disability categories, or where students with disabilities in certain racial or ethnic groups are more likely to be disciplined than their peers. In this workshop, participants will learn about new federal regulations that are now being implemented related to disproportionately, and will also learn about a series of related legal requirements concerning educational equity and students with disabilities. Finally, participants will learn about the specific actions that are required to be taken when these discrepancies are identified, and the legal consequences for failure to take effective action.

**The workshop will be presented by John Worthington, Esq., LEGAL ONE and former director of the NJDOE Office of Special Education.**

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