

SPECIAL EDUCATION & RELATED SERVICES

Special Education Services Guide

40 of 50

states, plus D.C., list special education as a teacher shortage area for 2026–27.

Source: U.S. Department of Education

How to deliver the IEP services in every student's plan when special education teachers are hard to hire.

WHAT IEP SERVICES ARE

The specialized instruction, accommodations and related services written into a student's IEP, including small-group or one-on-one instruction in a resource room setting and support in general education classes.

The challenge, and how Fullmind solves it

The challenge	With Fullmind
❗ Open positions make it hard to deliver the minutes in students' IEPs.	✅ Educators with Students with Disabilities certifications teach live, targeted to IEP goals.
❗ Instruction drifts from each student's goals and accommodations.	✅ Instruction built around each student's IEP goals and accommodations.
❗ Progress is hard to document for the IEP team.	✅ Notifications to the school and on-platform progress monitoring.
❗ Outside teachers working apart from your team.	✅ Collaboration with your special education team, case managers and providers.
❗ Separate vendors for instruction, therapy and case management.	✅ One partner for special education instruction, related services and case management.

Why it matters Additional virtual special education capacity helps your team provide individualized instruction within established school routines.

5 questions to ask any provider

- 1 Do your teachers hold special education certification in our state?
- 2 How do you align instruction to each student's IEP goals and accommodations?
- 3 How will our team see progress monitoring data?
- 4 How do you collaborate with our case managers and special education staff?
- 5 How quickly can a teacher start?

How to fund it

Typically IDEA Part B, plus state and local special education funds. Check allowable uses with your federal programs coordinator.

Results

+14 and +9 points

STAR growth for students with IEPs who started 68 points behind, compared with 0 and -1 for their peers, in a large Midwestern district.

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How Fullmind helps



Support Individual IEP Goals

Provide targeted instruction and accommodations aligned with each student's documented learning needs.



Extend Special Education Capacity

Connect students with certified special education educators who collaborate with your existing team.



Make Progress Easier to Follow

Use instructional updates and progress monitoring to guide discussions and adjustments to student support.

3,000+

Certified educators

15.5+ yrs

Average classroom experience

7,000

Educator certifications

50 states

Where our educators live

How to get started

1

Tell us about your district

Students, schedule, staffing and goals.

2

Get a plan built around your needs

The right service and format.

3

Meet your educators

Matched to your students and state.

4

Start and track progress

Your team sees progress as it happens.

Talk with Fullmind

Live special education instruction, related services and case management from one partner. Flexible contracts that grow or shrink with your needs.

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