

Michigan Department of Education
Office of Special Education
Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education Programs and Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Rule Set 2020-89 ED

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Special Education (OSE) will conduct virtual public hearings to receive oral and written comments on proposed Special Education Programs and Services rules (Rule Set 2020-89 ED). The MDE OSE will review and consider all comments in preparation of the final version of the rules.

The proposed rules are promulgated by the authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1701 and 1703 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1701 and 380.1703, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and 388.994. The proposed rules address eligibility for special education programs and services for students with visual impairments and procedures for developing individualized education programs for students who are placed in special education programs outside of their resident districts. The rules will take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The proposed rules are available at:

- [Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education website](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140--550253--,00.html)
(<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140--550253--,00.html>)
- [Michigan Register](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312_92359---,00.html) - March 1, 2021 edition
(https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312_92359---,00.html)

Virtual Public Hearing Dates

The virtual public hearings will take place via Zoom on the dates listed below. Use the link for the respective date to join the public hearing.

March 16, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

- [Join March 16 Virtual Public Hearing](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911802958)
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911802958>)
- Use computer audio or listen to the public hearing via teleconference call
Conference call: 215-446-3649 or 888-557-8511 (toll-free)
Conference code: 280405

March 17, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

- [Join March 17 Virtual Public Hearing](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576457967)
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576457967>)
- Use computer audio or listen to the public hearing via teleconference call
Conference call: 215-446-3649 or 888-557-8511 (toll-free)
Conference code: 280405

March 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

- [Join March 18 Virtual Public Hearing](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89684194779)
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89684194779>)
- Use computer audio or listen to the public hearing via teleconference call
Conference call: 215-446-3649 or 888-557-8511 (toll-free)
Conference code: 280405

The virtual public hearings will include an American Sign Language interpreter and closed captioning. If additional accommodations are needed to participate in the virtual public hearings, please contact Jessica Wisuri at 517-241-7107 or WisuriJ@michigan.gov at least 1 week before the hearing.

Provide Written Comment

Written comments about the proposed rules must be received by the MDE no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021. The MDE OSE will review and consider all timely written comments. Written comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- [Online Public Written Comment](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5835025/Comment-RuleSet2020-89)
(<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5835025/Comment-RuleSet2020-89>)
- By email at MDE-OSE-Public-Comment@michigan.gov (include Rule Set 2020-89 in the subject line)
- By mail:
 - Public Comment
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