



## Resources for Special Education

*Navigating public education in general is no easy task. Special education comes with its own laws and language that isn't always the easiest to understand. Here are agencies, offices, and resources that may be beneficial as you navigate special education and related services in the District.*

### School System Resources

Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE)

- Specialized Education  
<https://osse.dc.gov/page/special-populations>
- Strong Start  
<https://osse.dc.gov/service/strong-start-dc-early-intervention-program-dc-eip>
- Transportation  
<https://osse.dc.gov/service/student-transportation>
- Office of Dispute Resolution  
<https://osse.dc.gov/service/office-dispute-resolution-odr>
- State Complaints  
<https://osse.dc.gov/service/specialized-education-state-complaints>

Office of the Student Advocate

<https://studentadvocate.dc.gov>

Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education

<https://educationombudsman.dc.gov>

District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

- General Information  
<https://dcps.dc.gov/specialeducation>
- Early Stages  
<https://www.earlystagesdc.org/>

DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB)

<http://www.dcpscb.org/report/special-education>



## Other Resources

Advocates for Justice and Education (AJE)

<http://www.aje-dc.org/>

Bazelon Center

<http://www.bazelon.org/>

Children's Law Center

<http://www.childrenslawcenter.org/>

DC Association for Special Education

<http://dcase.org/>

DC Special Education Cooperative

<http://specialedcoop.org/coop/>

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services

<http://www.uls-dc.org/PAP.htm>

Quality Trust

<https://www.dcqualitytrust.org/>

SchoolTalk DC

<http://www.schooltalkdc.org/>

Special Education Guide

<https://www.specialeducationguide.com/>

Understood

<https://www.understood.org/en>

U.S. Department of Education

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html>

Wrightslaw- Smart IEPs

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/iep.goals.plan.htm>