



SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 3, 2025, meeting](#)

9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY

9:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Education Commission of the States regarding special education funding models in other [states](#)

10:10 a.m. Committee discussion

10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Wyoming Department of Education regarding special education funding in Wyoming

11:30 a.m. Committee discussion

11:50 a.m. Recess

12:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Finance Department of the Illinois State Board of Education regarding special education funding in Illinois

1:30 p.m. Committee discussion

1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the:

- Number of students with disabilities who are being home educated or parent placed in private school;
- Number of students with disabilities in each of the 13 disability categories from 2002 through 2024;
- Percentage of students with disabilities in each school district; and
- Increase in students with disabilities compared to the increase in total student population each year from 2002 through 2024

2:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: David Richter (Chairman), LaurieBeth Hager, Karla Rose Hanson, Jim Jonas, Scott Louser, Eric J. Murphy, Anna S. Novak

Senators: Michelle Axtman, Todd Beard, Josh Boschee

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