



Indiana Department of Education
2019 Legislative Priority

Restore communication disorder emergency permits for speech language pathologists

Schools and school corporations must be afforded flexibility when selecting school personnel. On July 1, 2018, the authority granted by statute for Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to issue communication disorder emergency permits expired. Schools are now left with fewer options when determining their speech language pathology staffing.

Quick Facts

- ❑ Of the more than 176,000 Indiana students serviced by an Individual Education Plan, 49.2% have speech as a primary or secondary disability.
- ❑ IDOE-issued emergency permits for Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) ended on July 1, 2018.
- ❑ During years 2017-2018, IDOE issued 34 emergency permits impacting 23 school corporations.