

IEP Support Specialist

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East Central Kansas
**Cooperative
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Support at a Glance



Compliance and Continuous Improvement

I ensure IEPs align with federal, state, and local special education requirements by conducting quality reviews and identifying trends that inform continuous improvement. I use data and feedback to strengthen district practices and promote consistency across all three districts.



Resources and Professional Support

I create guidance documents, templates, and practical resources that support educators in implementing best practices throughout the IEP process. My goal is to build staff confidence by providing clear guidelines and tools that lead to compliant, high-quality services for students.



Collaboration and Coaching

I believe the most effective support is built through collaboration, coaching, and problem solving. I partner with teachers, related service providers, and administrators throughout the IEP process to support the development of high quality, student centered IEPs.



Compliance and Timely IEP Processes

I support staff in maintaining compliance with IEP timelines, due dates, and procedural requirements to ensure students receive services without interruption. I provide guidance, monitor timelines, and collaborate with teams to proactively address deadlines and maintain accurate, compliant special education records.

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Ways I Provide Support

- Review draft IEPs and provide constructive feedback.
- Ensure compliance with federal, state, and local special education requirements.
- Create guidance documents, templates, and resources for staff.
- Model best practices for present levels, goal writing, accommodations, and specially designed instruction.
- Collaborate with teachers, related service providers, and administrators during the IEP process.
- Conduct IEP quality reviews and identify trends for continuous improvement.
- Coach teachers in developing high quality, measurable IEP goals that align with student needs and assessment data.

**I provide support through IEP reviews, collaborative team meetings, 1:1 meetings, and as needed technical assistance.
Staff can request support at any time by email or phone.**

Quickest Contact: Email/Phone

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785-615-0492 - direct line

In District Support Days

In the 2026–2027 school year, I will provide in-district support through scheduled on-site days.

One support day every other week to address IEP needs.