

May 15, 2026 Special Education Advisory Panel Agenda

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grimes State Office Building, Room B100
400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines

Draft: Topics will not be finalized until the day of the meeting. Times are approximate and may need to be adjusted.

Time	Subject	Presenter
9 – 9:30 a.m.	Call to Order Approve Agenda Public Comment Consent Agenda – April Meeting Minutes Welcome Activity Vice Chair Election	Casey Force, Chair
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Legislative Update	Thomas Mayes, Iowa Department of Education
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Feedback: Parent Engagement Survey	Melissa Schnurr, Iowa Department of Education
11 – 11:30 a.m.	Unified Special Education Accountability Framework	Leisa Breitfelder, Iowa Department of Education
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Facilitated IEPs	Jen Cira, Iowa Department of Education
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	Year in Review – Reflection on Accomplishments	Leisa Breitfelder, Iowa Department of Education
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Department Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing Updates Reevaluation Changes in ACHIEVE Dispute Resolution Updates Professional Learning 	Iowa Department of Education Staff
2:45 – 3 p.m.	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair 2026-27 meeting dates Recognition of Outgoing Members. Future Agenda Items Emerging Issues Next Meeting – September 18, 2026 Wrap-Up/Adjourn	Casey Force, Chair