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Notice of Public Hearing on ASDOE- Special Education Division

Policies and Procedures Amended Section XVIII: State Advisory Panel

Notice of Hearing is hereby given that the American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) will conduct a public hearing, via Zoom, on August 27, 2026 at 10:00 am, regarding amendments to ASDOE's Special Education Policies and Procedures.

The ASDOE has recently amended Special Education Policies and Procedures, specifically on **SECTION VIII: STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**. Consistent with the IDEA Regulations Sec. 300.165 Public participation (a), prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures (including any amendments), the ASDOE-Special Education Division must ensure that there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for public comments to be made available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. The Department of Education-Special Education Division must review and give due consideration to all comments before the adoption of the revised Policies and Procedures.

Copies of the amended Special Education Policies and Procedures are available at the Special Education Division Office located at the West end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagaalu, American Samoa. All persons interested are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Special Education Policies and Procedures may also be found on the ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.

How to Provide Testimony

The ASDOE will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 10:00 am. Please see below for the link or scan the QR code to join. (link : www.meet.google.com/nge-zmye-rek)

If you wish to submit comments in writing for the Public Hearing, please do so no later than 3:00pm on August 27, 2026. Written comments may be received at the Special Education Division Office located at the West end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagaalu, American Samoa between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm. Comments may also be made via email: Herbert.boat@doe.as, sent by mail to: Dr. Herbert Boat ASDOE-SPED Assistant Director, PO Box 1032 Pago Pago, AS 96799

