



What are my responsibilities as a participant?

Our online seminars are highly interactive – participants discuss what they are learning and how to apply it in discussion forums.

Each participant will be responsible to complete individual work and participate in group discussions for a continuous 7 week period.

There will be weekly reading assignments and discussion topics. You should expect to spend about 1 to 2 hours weekly on reading and discussion time. Participants will be required to post their own original thoughts and respond to other participant's thoughts and ideas.

What technology is needed for online learning?

- ◆ An active email address
- ◆ A computer (PC or Mac) to use on a regular basis with:
 - ◇ Internet access (high speed access is not always required but it makes participating in seminars much less time consuming)
 - ◇ a program for viewing pdf files, such as [Adobe Reader](#) (this can be downloaded for free)

Understanding Ohio's Operating Standards:

What every parent should know to develop their child's IEP

A 7-week online learning and discussion forum for parents of children with a hearing loss.

February 21, 2010 to April 10, 2010

Register Now!
Space is limited

What will I learn in this online workshop?

Parents will learn about Ohio's law for educating children with disabilities through reading, reviewing and guided discussions about the *Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities* ("The Operating Standards"). The Operating Standards are rules and policies that all public schools in the state of Ohio must follow and implement. These rules are applicable to children with all disabilities. However, our online discussions will be tailored to discuss the rules and how they apply to children with a hearing loss.

By participating in this course parents will:

1. Improve their knowledge and understanding of the Operating Standards
2. Understand how the Operating Standards apply to IEP's of children with hearing loss
3. Increase their knowledge of the IEP process
4. Become a better advocate for their child's special education





Who should take this online workshop?

This workshop is open to any parent or family member in the state of Ohio who is raising a child with a hearing loss. Parents with children of all ages and various types of hearing loss, communication modes, and use of amplification are welcome. We value diversity in this group. Diversity will challenge us as participants and help us learn even more!

If you have access to the required technologies and are willing to meet the participation requirement then you are an excellent candidate for this online seminar.

Registration Information

- ◆ Registration is open to parents and families of children with hearing loss.
- ◆ Registration is limited to 10 participants.
- ◆ Participants must have access to a computer, internet service, and an active email address.
- ◆ No fee for parents to participate.
- ◆ **Registration deadline is February 15th.**
- ◆ To register, please contact Cindy Whicker at 614-387-0128 or at whicker@osd.oh.gov. When calling to register, please be prepared to provide us with the following information:
 - ◇ Your name
 - ◇ Address
 - ◇ Phone number
 - ◇ Email address
 - ◇ Child's Age
 - ◇ Your child's communication mode
 - ◇ Your child's amplification type

Registration information will be used for registration and facilitator information only.

Sample Agenda:

Week 1: Introductions, Moodle Tutorial, and a review of definitions

Week 2: Discussion of rules regarding FAPE, Child Find, and Confidentiality

Week 3: Discussion of rule regarding Procedural Safeguards

Week 4: Discussion of rules regarding Evaluations and IEP's

Week 5: Discussion of rules regarding placement in a non-public school, delivery of services (LRE), transportation

Week 6: Discussion of rules regarding pre-school requirements, the Ohio School for the Deaf and the Ohio State School for the Blind, Braille translation

Week 7: Review of all weeks, discussion of support organizations and agencies, evaluations

Top Ten Reasons to take an online seminar

- ◆ Knowledge is power
- ◆ No driving on icy roads
- ◆ It's convenient
- ◆ Work at your own pace
- ◆ You can go to class after the kids are in bed
- ◆ No babysitter required
- ◆ No conference room that is too cold
- ◆ No conference room that is too hot
- ◆ You can wear your PJs or a prom dress to class-it doesn't matter!
- ◆ We're just a click away

For more information, please contact Tabitha Belhorn at 1-800-866-3966 or Belhorn@osd.oh.gov.