

**Special Education**  
**Center of Excellence Update**

Specialized instruction, centers and interventions that ensure inclusive and accessible learning for every student's individual needs.

**Month:** December

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**Update:**

We have completed the work with the Regional Special Education Directors to develop a Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Guidance Document for educators in Kalamazoo County. Educators can use this resource to understand special education law about this topic and to aid in using data based decision-making processes to prepare for each student's Individualized Education Program Team meeting. This document includes tools districts can use when considering changes in special education programs and services within the local district, as well as a tool for use to determine when a student needs one of KRESA's programs or is ready to return to a local district from a KRESA program. This is part of the work the Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education is asking ISD's to do to improve inclusive practices in our state.

**Action Item:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Attachments:** [Least Restrictive Environment \(LRE\) Guidance Document](#)