

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report  
to  
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

**Please Download & TYPE the following information.**

Staff Member:	<u>Rachel Stewart</u>	School:	<u>District Office</u>
Assignment:	<u>Special Services Data Manager</u>	Name of Conference : (Do not use acronyms)	<u>PNW Institute on Special Education and the Law</u>
Location of Conference:	<u>Bellevue, Washington</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>9/16/24-9/18/24</u>

*General Overview: Do not use acronyms*

The primary mission of the Institute is to keep practitioners aware of congressional amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and recent court cases interpreting the Act. Most faculty are nationally prominent acknowledged school or Plaintiff attorneys with active practices in IDEA litigation. The Institute also addresses Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Sections 1983 and 1985 of the Civil Rights Act, No Child Left Behind Act, and other federal and state laws affecting the operation and management of special education programs in public schools.

*How will this impact student learning in a positive way?*

This conference focused on recent legal decisions that impact special education. The conference gave an opportunity for me to get updates on current legal precedent regarding IDEA and 504/ADA. As the conference focused on Supreme Court cases as well as 9th Circuit court cases, I was able to take pieces of what was presented and look at procedures within our special services department to make sure we are implementing Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) with the most current legal guidance. This will also help to ensure we are providing accurate and appropriate guidance to administrators and other directors in Lyon CSD.

*How will I implement what I learned and how will I share  
this information with my colleagues?*

As the Executive Director of Special Services I will be able to take what I have learned and provide guidance around IDEA and 504/ADA to administrators, other directors, and staff. I will also take what I have learned and work with my special services team and the MTSS team on updated and current legal precedent so they can help teams at school sites.

*Other Comments:*

Thank you for allowing me to go to the conference.

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Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

  
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Deputy Superintendent Approval

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