

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 **TYPE** the following information.

Staff Member:	<u>Rachel Stewart</u>	School:	<u>District Office</u>
Assignment:	<u>Executive Director of Special Services</u>	Conference Attended:	<u>LRP National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities</u>
Location of Conference:	<u>Phoenix, AZ</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>4/27/25 - 5/1/25</u>

*General Overview:*

LRP's National Institute is known as the leading source for best practices, compliance strategies and case law updates impacting special education programs. The nation's top legal experts come together to share their insights and guidance on dealing with the ever-changing landscape of special education law.

The presenters reviewed the 2024 case law decisions and how they impact compliance and implementation. The areas covered were IDEA, Section 504, Behavior, and Administration. Staying current not only with decisions, but the impacts of the decisions, is essential in providing up to date guidance to administrators, teachers and related service providers.

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

As the Executive Director of Special Services, I collaborate with our administrative and IEP teams to implement best practices that support legally sound decision-making across the district. A thorough understanding of current legal precedent is essential to my role. Staying informed not only ensures compliance but also enables me to guide the special services department in developing targeted professional development for our teachers—ultimately fostering improved outcomes for student learning.

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

As Executive Director of Special Services, my goal is to support our team with the tools and knowledge they need to confidently guide school sites—especially when it comes to the latest case law and meaningful professional development. I'll work to ensure our systems are strong, consistent, and legally sound, so that staff can focus on what matters most: supporting students. I'll also continue collaborating with Cabinet members and site administrators to promote practices that are not only legally defensible but also grounded in what's best for kids. Whether it's improving IEP processes, enhancing staff training, or streamlining communication across departments, I'm committed to building a culture of shared understanding and continuous growth.

*Other Comments:*

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this conference.

*NA*

Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

Date

*Sauri Huckaby*

Deputy Superintendent Approval

Date

*5/13/25*