

**5440-86 Director of Special Education (Revised 10/17/08)**

*The holder is authorized to provide, administer, supervise and evaluate special education programs and services, and to coordinate them with regular education programs, home-based services, and community-based services for students with disabilities. An educator serving as an Assistant Director of Special Education, however named, shall hold a Director of Special Education endorsement.*

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

1. A Master's degree
2. Demonstrated competence in the following areas:
  - a) Fundamentals of educational administration/leadership
  - b) Special education law
  - c) School finance or school business management
  - d) Staff evaluation/development
  - e) Inclusive curriculum, instruction, and assessment (i.e., development/supervision/evaluation)
  - f) School/family relations and collaboration
3. Three or more years of experience as a licensed special educator, educational speech language pathologist, school psychologist, school counselor, or reading coordinator/specialist
4. The General Competencies for School District Administrators
5. Knowledge of local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning the education of students with disabilities
6. The ability to develop, coordinate, administer, and evaluate programs of direct services to students with disabilities including screening; assessment; eligibility determination; selection, development of IEPs; development and adaptation of educational materials, curricula, and instructional strategies; evaluation of student progress; and integration of students with disabilities into the regular classroom setting