



NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

2019 SPRING CONFERENCES



2 Ways To Earn Your Stripes

13TH ANNUAL 504 ACADEMY

June 10, 2019
Doubletree by
Hilton Austin
Austin, Texas

18TH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its thirteenth year, NELI's 504 Academy provides up-to-the-minute training for new and experienced 504 coordinators and any educator who works with students receiving 504 services. Experienced school law attorneys and educators will address topics such as how to determine appropriate accommodations for the 504 student, Individual Health Plans under Section 504, the dividing line between RTI, Section 504 and special education, conducting FBAs and developing BIPs under Section 504, and addressing dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia under 504. All attendees of the 504 Academy earn 4.5 hours of CE and take home a booklet of materials from the presenters.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Are you ready to "earn your stripes" in the area of 504? If so, our training is designed for:

- 504 Coordinators
- Counselors
- Reading Specialists
- Diagnosticians
- 504 Personnel
- Principals/Administrators
- Special Programs Directors
- Special Education Directors
- School Psychologists
- General Education Teachers
- Dyslexia Teachers
- Behavior Specialists
- Superintendents

* Each attendee will receive a packet of materials which includes a handout from each speaker.

NELI PRODUCTS BRING THE TRAINING TO YOU

NELI Folders

Each folder is designed to help educators keep track of the processes and procedures involved while tracking student progress and information. Folders available include:

- NEW Dyslexia Identification and Progress Monitoring Folders
- RTI Folders
- 504 Accountability Folders
- Student Accommodations Folders

NELI Desktop References

Choose from 3 new Desktop References! Each Desktop Reference is printed on both sides, laminated and puts the information you need at your fingertips. Our line of Desktop References includes:

- Section 504 Desktop Reference
- MDR for Special Education Desktop Reference
- Restraint & Timeout Desktop Reference

The General Educator's Guide to Accommodations DVD (Includes 10 Accommodations Folders)

This DVD's realistic scenarios make the concepts easy to understand and follow and will help teachers ensure they are in compliance with federal and state laws regarding accommodations.

504 ACADEMY MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 "Yours, Mine and Ours": Where is the Dividing Line Between RTI, Section 504 and Special Education

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 "He Needs to Be Checked by the Nurse Three Times a Day": Individual Health Plans Under Section 504

Heather Rutland - Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell & Mehl, P.C.

10:45 – 11:30 "The Three D's": Addressing Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia Under 504

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:45 "Please Provide Me the Following Documentation...": Surviving an OCR Complaint

William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break

2:00 – 2:45 "He Can't Be Penalized for Turning that in Late": Determining Appropriate Accommodations for the 504 Student

Denise Hays - Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

2:45 – 3:30 Conducting FBAs and Developing BIPs Under Section 504

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

3:30 – 3:45 Question and Answer Forum

3:45 Adjourn

The legal information provided at this conference is for general purposes only. It is not intended as a substitute for individual legal advice or the provision of legal services. Accessing this information does not create an attorney-client relationship. Individual legal situations vary greatly and attendees should consult directly with an attorney.

18TH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP

JUNE 11 - 12, 2019 • AUSTIN, TEXAS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

For almost two decades, school administrators and assessment personnel have been coming to the Assessment Boot Camp for useful and timely information on the legal issues pertaining to special education evaluation and programming. No drill sergeants here, just experienced attorneys and educational experts with great information on topics including an update of the new laws from the 86th legislative session, when to dismiss a student from speech and related services, using STAAR results to develop an "appropriately ambitious" IEP, addressing discipline with the special needs student, how to ensure a student is tested in all areas of suspected disabilities, and teaching sexual education and personal boundaries. You'll earn 7.25 hours of CE for the Assessment Boot Camp.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Whether you're in special education, general education, or school administration, this conference is ideal training for:

- Educational Diagnosticians
- LSSPs/Counselors
- Special Education Directors
- Principals/Administrators
- 504 Personnel
- Special Education Personnel
- Behavior Specialists
- General Education Personnel
- Teachers
- Charter School Personnel
- Superintendents
- Assistant Superintendents
- School Board Members

* Each attendee will receive a packet of materials which includes a handout from each speaker.

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, JUNE 11

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 "Don't Stand So Close to Me...": Teaching Sex Education and Personal Boundaries
Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 "Here We Go Again...": A Legislative Update of the 86th Legislative Session
Sarah Orman - Texas Association of School Boards

10:45 – 11:30 "Bad Boy, Bad Boy, What You Gonna Do?": Addressing Discipline with the Special Needs Student from Suspension to Expulsion
Denise Hays – Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:45 "How Can I Help You Say Goodbye?": When Should a Student Be Dismissed from Speech and Related Services

Jamie Turner – Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break

2:00 – 2:45 "With a Little Help From My Friends": Effectively Using a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for Struggling Students

Paula Maddox Roalson – Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

2:45 – 3:30 "Lean On Me": Using the STAAR Results to Develop an "Appropriately Ambitious" IEP

John Fessenden - lead4ward

3:30 Adjourn

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45 Family Feud: Handling Who is the Parent/Guardian and Family Disputes in the Educational Setting

William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:45 - 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 - 10:45 "Taking Care of Business": Creating an Effective 18 Plus Program

Jim Walsh – Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C.

10:45 - 11:45 "All of Me, Why Not Test All of Me?": Ensuring a Student is Tested in All Areas of Suspected Disabilities

Gail Cheramie, Ph.D. - University of Houston Clear Lake

11:45 - 12:00 Question and Answer Forum

12:00 Adjourn



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

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504 ACADEMY SPEAKERS

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HEATHER RUTLAND is a shareholder with the law firm of Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell & Mehl, P.C. Heather works extensively with Texas schools, colleges and other educational institutions in the areas of personnel, students, special education and Section 504 compliance and speaks regularly on education law issues and also provides training for teachers, faculty and administrators throughout the state.

ASSESSMENT BOOT CAMP SPEAKERS

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GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D. is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and is the director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake. Dr. Cheramie's areas of specialization are assessment for learning, development, and emotional-behavioral disorders.

JOHN FESSENDEN is an educational consultant at lead4ward who works with school districts, campuses and regional educational service centers in the areas of assessment, accountability and data analysis. He is a frequent presenter on issues ranging from special education, to federal (AYP) and state (AEIS) accountability, Performance-Based Monitoring, and ARD Committee decision-making.

DENISE HAYS is a shareholder with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. Ms. Hays was a public school special education teacher, a staff attorney for TASB, and also served as a hearing officer for school boards. Her current

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SARAH ORMAN is senior attorney for TASB and advises school districts on a variety of legal issues. Prior to joining TASB, Ms. Orman provided legal representation for school districts in both California and Texas, including special education and general school law. Sarah is a frequent presenter on school law topics.

PAULA MADDUX ROALSON is a shareholder with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. in Houston. Ms. Roalson previously served as the staff attorney for special education for TASB. Her practice emphasizes the representation of school districts in special education litigation and general school law.

JAMIE TURNER is an attorney with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. and focuses her practice on special education and student matters. Jamie previously served public schools as in-house counsel for the Austin Independent School District, in private practice representing schools in general education matters, and as a special education administrator.

JIM WALSH is a co-founder and partner in the firm of Walsh Gallegos Treviño Russo & Kyle P.C. A highly sought-after speaker, Mr. Walsh has also authored several books on special education law and has taught school law at the graduate and/or undergraduate levels at Texas State, Baylor and St. Edward's. Mr. Walsh has provided training to all Education Service Centers and hundreds of school districts.

ACCREDITATION

Earn up to 11.75 Hours continuing education credit! All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of each conference indicating they have earned Continuing Education Credit (7.25 hours for Boot Camp, 4.5 hours for 504 Academy). **Counselors:** The conference sponsors are approved by the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for up to 11.75 hours of school administrator's general management training, which is no longer governed by the Texas Education Agency. NELI has been approved by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) as a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credit. **School Board Members:** The conference sponsors are registered providers of school board member training with the Texas Education Agency. This program provides up to 11.75 hours of school board member training in the areas of Vision, Structure and Unity. **Psychologists:** The conference may be approved by the State Board of Examiners of Psychology for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Speech-Language Pathologists:** The conference may be approved by the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration is as easy as 1...2...3!

1. Choose Your Training

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Register Me For:

Location:

- 13th Annual 504 Academy**—\$185.00*
June 10, 2019
- 18th Annual Assessment Boot Camp**—\$260.00*
June 11 - 12, 2019
- NELI Training Two-Pack**—\$410.00*
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* On-site registration fee of \$195.00 for 504 Academy and \$270.00 for Boot Camp required after June 9, 2019. NELI Training Two-Pack pricing not available after June 10, 2019.

* There will be a limited block of rooms reserved at the Doubletree by Hilton Austin at a state/government rate. We strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure availability. To receive this special rate, contact the Doubletree by Hilton Austin directly at (512) 454-3737 and reference "NEL" or "National Educators Law Institute".

2. Attendee Information

Submit Separate Form For Each Attendee

Attendee: _____ Position: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
District/Co-op: _____ Region: _____
School (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: _____
Billing Address (if different): _____

3. Submit Registration & Payment

Four Ways to Register

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