

# Special Education Law Research Guide

## Missouri / Federal - Law & Legislation

[Special Education Laws & Regulations](#) - Missouri Depart. of Elementary & Secondary Education

[Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004](#) - The federal law, *Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)*, regulates how state and public agencies provide services to children with disabilities.

- **Part B** - Special education services for children ages 3-21 years

- **Part C** - Early Intervention - infants and toddlers ages birth - 2 years

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Education Should Provide Additional Guidance to help states smoothly transition children to preschool](#)

Conducted by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) this study addresses how states vary in their services and eligibility for Part C of IDEA.

[Federal Legislative Research Guide](#) (Using ProQuest Congressional) - TJ Library Subject Guide

[Missouri Laws](#) - Thomas Jefferson Library Subject Guide

## Tips for searching in an UMSL Library Database

- Search for a court case or law by name:  
*Education for All Handicapped Children Act*  
*Board of Education v Rowley*  
*Board of Education **and** Rowley*
- When you don't know a case name, the most efficient search is by KEYWORD:  
special education **and** court **and** inclus\*
- Combine unlike search terms with **AND** to narrow search results. Each article retrieved should contain all major concepts.
- Use the truncation or wildcard symbol (\*) to search variant word endings:  
inclus\* = inclusion, inclusive
- **DO NOT LIMIT your search to Full text** in any UMSL database - Use [ARTICLE LINKER](#) or [Find Full-text](#) to see if full text is available.

## Find Articles and Cases through the UMSL Libraries

Online resources are available on campus and remotely with a UMSL SSO ID and password.

### ERIC

Do a keyword search in *ERIC* to find articles on special education court cases and laws. To find the full-text of a court decision, search the database *LexisNexis Academic*.

### LexisNexis Academic

Find primary and secondary legal materials such as cases, statutes, and law review articles. Look for materials by case name.

### West's Education Law Digest

TJ REF LAW (Level 3)  
KF4110 .A2 W48x

*West's Education Law Digest* indexes and abstracts all current education cases decided in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, United States District Courts, and State Appellate Courts. It is the authoritative source for all current case law and the place to start in searching for case law and decisions. Abstracts of cases are provided, but not the full-text of the decision (see *West's Education Law Reporter* or the database, *LexisNexis Academic*).

### West's Education Law Reporter

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UMSL ITE ANNEX  
v.1- 297 (1982 - 2013)

This index includes current scholarship on education law in the form of articles, commentaries, or broad surveys of law in particular areas. These indexes should be the starting point for finding case law and related scholarly articles. Further searching in the databases (see above) under the case name usually (unless the case is extremely recent) will locate additional articles.

## Find Books

Begin your search for books on *special education law / legislation* in the [UMSL Library Catalog](#).

- Search for specific cases by name:  
*Board of Education v. Rowley*  
*Board of Education and Rowley*
- Possible keyword search terms are: *special education, disabilit\*, law, legislation, court\*, court case\*, court litigation, etc.*
- Combine terms using **AND**. Remember the connecting word **AND** requires that all search terms be present in a *book title, table of contents, subject headings or note field*.
- Remember: Use the truncation or wildcard symbol \* to search all forms of a word:  
*disabilit\* = disability, disabilites*  
*interven\* = intervene, intervenes, intervention, intervened*

Examples of Keyword searches:

*special education\* and law and interven\**  
*IDEA and No Child Left Behind*

## Useful Books

<a href="#">Comprehensive guide to special education law [electronic resource] : over 400 frequently asked questions and answers every educator needs to know about the legal rights of exceptional children and their parents (2012)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Case studies in special education law: No Child Left Behind Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act</a>	TJ Level 4 KF4209.3 .W45 2007
<a href="#">Educational evaluations of children with special needs : clinical and forensic considerations</a>	TJ Level 4 RJ496.L4 B74 2014
<a href="#">Impact of students with special education needs in the general education setting on Missouri's state assessment (2012)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: standards needed to improve identification of racial and ethnic overrepresentation in special education: report to the Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and pensions, U.S. Senate (2013)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: provisions related to children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools. (2011)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">The law and special education, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.</a>	TJ Level 4 KF4210 .Y45 2012
<a href="#">The law of special education and non-public schools : major challenges in meeting the needs of youth with disabilities</a>	TJ Level 4 KF4220 .L39 2009
<a href="#">Learning disabilities : identification, assessment, and instruction of students with LD (2013)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Learning disabilities: practice concerns and students with LD (2013)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Resolving disputes about educational provision: a comparative perspective on special educational needs (2011)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Special education and the law : a guide for practitioners</a>	TJ Level 4 KF4209.3 .O82 2014
<a href="#">Special education and the law: a guide for practitioners, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2006)</a>	UMSL Online
<a href="#">Special education law, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.</a>	TJ REF LAW Level 3 KF4210 .R68 2010

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