



INNOVATIONS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

AWARDS 2026

ENTRY FORM

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New Jersey Association of Special Education Partner Schools*

Each entry must include a typewritten description of the program no longer than three to four pages and MUST INCLUDE the following information. Entries missing information may not be considered.

- Clearly stated program goals and objectives
- Data driven measurable results, not anecdotal, are required
- Student responses
- Parent responses
- Link effectiveness of the program to the goal(s)
- Describe unique or innovative features
- Level of community involvement
- Information on funding sources

In assessing entries, judges will consider the following elements:

- Clarity of the description
- How well the program addresses student needs (effectiveness)
- Unique or innovative features
- Its integration into the curriculum
- Evaluation strategies – the measurable outcomes for success

Entries must be submitted electronically. Provide up to a three to four page, detailed, specific description of the program in the space provided on the form. Supplemental information such as photos, brochures, news articles, etc. must be merged with the entry form as one document. Do not send supplemental information as separate documents.

Selected programs will be recognized during Special Education Week in New Jersey in May 2026.

As part of New Jersey's 2026 Special Education Week, NJSBA and New Jersey Association of Special Education Partner Schools (formerly ASAH) want the citizens of New Jersey to know how their schools are preparing special education children for the future. If you have a new, successful program that has been in place for at least THREE school years, on or before September 2021 to September 2025, please tell us about it. Programs starting on or after September 2025, will not be considered.

ENTRY FORM Special Education Program Awards 2026

Please type all information below and email it to amsmith@njsba.org. Entries missing information may not be considered.

Program Title:

Age Group Served:

Number of Special Education Students Served:

Number of General Education Student Participants:

Program Funding Source (provide name and contact information for funder(s):
(Additional funding sources can be added at the end of the program description.)

Category (choose one): Preschool Elementary School
Middle School Secondary School Mixed

Date Program Began (Must be on or before Sept. 2021):

Contact Person Information:

Name/Title (one only):

Email: Contact Person Phone:
(All communication with contact person will be through email)

Public School District (public schools):

Name of School:

School Address:

County of School/School District:

Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 20, 2026. No exceptions.

Email to: amsmith@njsba.org.

For information, contact Ann Marie Smith at amsmith@njsba.org.

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Program description:

Program Goals and Objectives:

Data driven measurable results:

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Link effectiveness of the program to the goal(s):

Student responses:

Parent responses:

Describe the unique or innovative features:

Describe the level of community involvement in the program:

Additional funding sources if applicable: