



CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES

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Responding to the Needs of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

In response to the growing number of children being diagnosed with autism, the New York State Legislature has enacted Chapter 143 of the Laws of 2006 to amend Sections 3004(4) and (5) of the Education Law to require that **all persons applying for a teaching certificate or license on or after February 2, 2007, as a special education teacher or as a school administrator who works in special education, complete course work or training in the needs of children with autism.** A recent amendment to that law extended the deadline for training until September 2, 2009, and clarified those that are required to have the training to include the following: **special education teachers that receive their certification on or after September 2, 2009, and all school administrators or supervisors assigned to serve as special education administrators, regardless of when they received their certification.**

This training will be available in online
format by the end of 2009.

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