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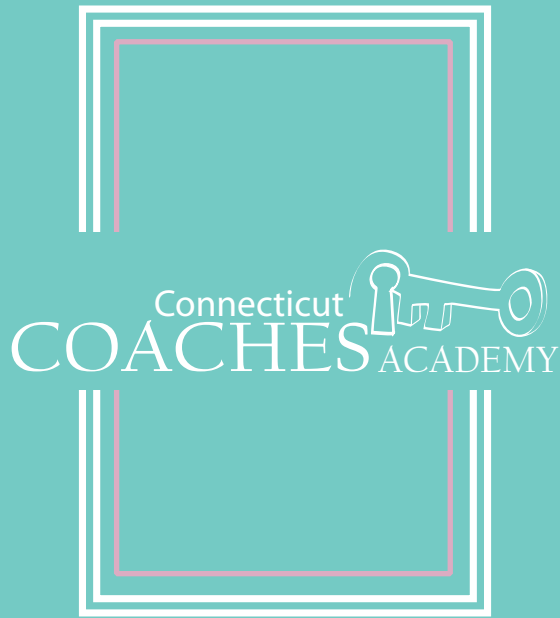
- Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)
- Connecticut State Department of Education
- Arc/CT: The Arc of Connecticut
- LEARN: a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC)
- Connecticut State Department of Mental Retardation (DMR)



Connecticut Coaches
Academy is made possible
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The Key to Success For All in General Education



The Connecticut Coaches Academy is being offered to school districts across the state in order to increase the number of qualified professionals to support the education of children with intellectual disabilities in general education settings.

What is the Coaches Academy?

- A 36 Hour graduate level course that occurs in districts and is job embedded
- Tailored to meet your district's individual needs
- Competency-based and aligned with School-Based Practices Profile
- Includes group instruction, lesson demonstrations, one-on-one coaching, outside readings & discussion, and portfolio development

Why do we need a Coaches Academy?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that Planning and Placement Teams consider regular class placement as the first option for every child with a disability.

A recent class action lawsuit, known as P.J. v. State of Connecticut, has highlighted the need in CT to increase access to the general education curriculum and environment for children with intellectual disabilities.

Under the goals of the settlement agreement, more children with intellectual disabilities will be:

- attending their home school
- enrolling in general education classes
- spending more time with non-disabled peers

Who can attend?

- Teams of general and special education teachers, principals, and other personnel from up to 24 Connecticut districts
- Personnel from Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)