

**SPED 4362-410,  
Special Education Regulations  
Texas A&M University-Central Texas  
Summer, 2021**

**COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

This is an online course and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>].

**INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Office Hours**

T/W/Th: 11:00-1:00

**Student-instructor interaction**

You can meet with me during scheduled office hours or by appointment (either in-person or virtually). Often, multiple students ask the same questions via email. In these instances, I typically respond through canvas in an announcement to clarify concerns for the entire class.

I will get back to emails within 24 hours. I will usually respond to text messages or phone calls immediately. If I am in a meeting or engaged, I will respond the same day. Whether texting or leaving a voice mail, please tell me your name and which class you are taking. Please do not hesitate to text my cell number if you are stressed about an assignment or if anything is unclear. Just begin the text with your name and the class.

**WARRIOR SHIELD**

**Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

**Course Information**

**Catalogue Course Description:** This course is designed to develop the capacity of preservice educators to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction for diverse learners through the effective use and

integration of current technologies. The use of technology for ethical and professional communication with colleagues, community, and students is also addressed. 3 Credit Hours.

### **COURSE INFORMATION:**

**Catalog Description:** Laws and litigation that affect the education of students with disabilities are examined. Content includes procedures pertinent to teachers providing special education services such as federal and state regulations, IEPs, and the development of basic instructional plans.

**Course Objective:** The student will develop a basic understanding of the federal and state laws and requirements pertaining to students with disabilities and the procedures of the legal system.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain their roles and responsibilities as professional educators in describing and complying with the mandates of federal and state laws supporting learners with disabilities.
2. Articulate their roles as advocates for the legal and educational rights of learners with disabilities.
3. Explain how local school district personnel should comply with the legal requirements as stipulated by IDEIA, Section 504, and ADA.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Quizzes (4@15 pts each)**

Five quizzes over chapter material. After completing a course module, attempt the quiz. You may refer to course materials. This will be a timed test. You will have 45 minutes. Questions include T/F, S/A, and M/C.

#### **Discussion Boards (4@10 pts each)**

There will be four discussion boards on the topics below. You will review course materials in an assigned module and respond in the discussion board, analyzing the article and applying it to the theme of the discussion (8 pts). Respond to two peer posts (2 pts).

1. Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
2. Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
3. Accommodations and Modifications
4. Zero Reject: Eligibility, Child Find, and Advocacy

#### **Comparison/Contrast Paper: Rowley and Endrew (30 pts. total)**

Use the Information in the two court cases to identify how the definition of FAPE has changed. The paper should be a minimum of three pages in length and incorporate information from the two court cases. Use TNR 12 point font. Follow APA and cite. You do not need an abstract, but you should include a cover page.

See sample student APA paper here:

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/documents/APA%20Student%20Sample%20Paper.pdf](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/documents/APA%20Student%20Sample%20Paper.pdf)

Detailed instructions and rubrics on this paper can be found in course modules.

**Major Court Cases and Rulings/Ramifications (70 pts):**

Create a chart that includes the following court cases. Identify the plaintiff and the opposing party, the reason the case went to court, the courts that the case went through, the ruling of each court, and the final ruling by the highest court to hear the case:

1. Diana vs State Board of Education, CA 70 RFT (N.D. Cal. 1970)
2. Irving Independent School District v. Amber Tatro 468 U.S. 883 (1984)
3. Honig v. Doe, 484 U.S. 305 (1988)
4. Timothy W. v. Rochester, New Hampshire, School District, 875 F.2d 954 (1st Cir. 1989)
5. Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter, 510 U.S. 7 (1993)
6. Cedar Rapids v. Garret F., 526 U.S. 66 (1999)
7. Forest Grove School District v. T.A., 557 U.S. 230 (2009)

**Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**

<b>Discussion boards (4@10 points each)</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Quizzes (4@15 each)</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Paper: Rowley &amp; Endrew</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Major Court Cases and Rulings</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total points</b>	<b>200</b>

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are listed above.

Rubrics for all assignments will be available in Canvas.

Grades for papers/written assignments will be assigned based on student’s work and grade will align with rubric guidelines.

**COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

**Complete Course Calendar**

**\*\*\*The instructor reserves the right to modify assignments and due dates to enhance student learning outcomes. Assignments may be altered/modified/changed, but no additional assignments will be added.**

Date	Topics	Assessments Due
Module 1	The History of the Law and Children with Disabilities	Discussion 1 due 7/15 @ 11:59 pm. Quiz 1 due 7/16 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 2	IDEA and 504	Discussion 2 due 7/22@11:59m. Quiz 2 due on 7/23 @ 11:59.

Module 3	Important Principles of IDEA, ADA, and ESEA	Discussion 3 due 7/29@11:59 pm. Quiz 3 due on 7/30 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 4	LRE and IEP	Discussion 4 due 8/5@11:59 pm. Quiz 4 due on 8/6 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 5	Disciplining students with Exceptionalities Other issued: Bullying, Response to Intervention, Educational Records, and Liability for Student	Paper due 8/8 @ 11:59 pm. Court case chart due 8/11 @ 11:59 pm.

### Posting of Grades

All assignments will be graded, and grades posted, in a timely manner, typically within one to three days of due date. Longer assignments, such as the papers and projects, will be graded and grades posted in approximately three to five to seven days; this will vary depending on class size.

**Important University Dates (including add/drop/holiday etc.)** <https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/2020-2021-academic-calendars-and-final-exam-schedule.pdf>

### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

You will need access to Canvas to complete modules during weeks when class will not meet. You will also need to upload assignments to Canvas as needed.

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

### Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

### Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: [helpdesk@tamu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

## Online Proctored Testing

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

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## UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

### Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web. [<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2Fsubmit%2FForm%2Fstart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

### Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, working with others in an unauthorized manner, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/studentconduct.html), [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/studentconduct.html>].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0), [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0)].

### **Academic Accommodations**

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) Canvas page (log-in required) [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717>]

### **Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

### **Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing [studentsuccess@tamuct.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@tamuct.edu) .

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

## University Writing Center

The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Spring 2021 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via [WCOOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

## University Library

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

**For Spring 2021, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.**

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## OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

### A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html>].

### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=2](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2)].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html>]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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### **INSTRUCTOR POLICIES**

*Late work will be accepted. Contact Dr. Casey if you fall behind so that arrangements can be made. Points may be deducted based on circumstances.*

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