

The CT State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education and The University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

CONNECTICUT ASPIRING LEADERS ACADEMY 2026-2027

The goal of this academy is to develop leaders who will provide innovative and sustained leadership to the CT Special Education system under IDEA. The academy will focus on **competencies listed below**, illustrated by state and national speakers, learning activities, and a capstone project. Participants will also benefit from both expert and peer mentoring opportunities.

Competency Areas

- Leading Self
- Implementation of Policies, Laws and Regulations
- Leading With Others
- Managing Operations and Resources
- Leading Learning
- Leading Results
- Leading Change



The academy is at no cost and includes a total of 93 hours beginning in September 2026. Classes will meet biweekly via Zoom (6-8 hours per month), followed by an in-person, full-day Saturday class the following month. This schedule will alternate all year. In addition, participants will be expected to complete asynchronous online activities requiring up to 15 hours of engagement. Selected participants are required to attend a two-day in-person orientation at the Avon Old Farms Hotel from July 14-15, 2026, which includes an overnight stay.

Participation in all meetings is mandatory.

**For more information on the academy and how to apply,
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