

**Subject:** Re: Assistance Identifying Government Sources on IDEA Oversight & State Audits (2015–2025)

**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 10:11:12 AM Central Standard Time

**From:** [REDACTED]

**To:** Ezzo, Julia

Dear Julia,

Thank you so much for this detailed guidance. Your direction to anchor my search in IDEA, OSEP, and state-level portals is extremely helpful, and the site-limited Google search examples are a great addition. I'll make good use of those.

By way of context, I'm in the early stages of developing a nonfiction book proposal that examines disability access, IDEA oversight, and the civic infrastructure of belonging. As part of that work, I'm compiling a research brief on IDEA Part B monitoring and state-level evaluations from 2015–2025.

To refine my scope:

- I'm focusing specifically on IDEA Part B oversight and monitoring
- I'm gathering state-level audits or evaluations related to Special Education program capacity (particularly Michigan, Minnesota, and Massachusetts)
- And I'm collecting government-issued ASD/SPED workforce data and staffing trends during that period

Your links to OSEP monitoring, determination letters, and state performance plans are exactly what I needed to begin mapping the landscape. I'll start there and then branch into the state portals and CRS materials you recommended.

Thank you again for your help. I appreciate your time and expertise.

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On Feb 17, 2026, at 11:03 AM, Ezzo, Julia <[julia@msu.edu](mailto:julia@msu.edu)> wrote:

Greetings [REDACTED]

The [IDEA](#) and [OSEP](#) sites are going to be the best places for you to look for this information.

[IDEA Data \(includes reports\).](#)

[IDEA by State](#) - View state and territory agencies, OSEP IDEA contacts, and State Performance Plans and Annuals Performance Reports for each state or territory

[OSEP monitoring](#)

## [OSEP Policy Documents](#)

### [Determination Letters on State Implementation of IDEA](#)

For background information (if you need it), I found this [Congressional Research Service Report](#), which might be helpful.

Additionally, the state's Department of Education sites are also great resources. For example, [Michigan's special education page](#) might be useful.

State data portals can also have some of the data you need, such as [MI School Data](#)

Since what you're looking for could be on other pages, you can also use Google, but limit the results to specific websites. I recommend this rather than just relying on a website's site search because Google is more powerful and has better algorithms than that of a government website search.

To do this, you add your keywords then add the site you're interested in using a site limiter (the word site followed by a colon, no space, and then whatever site you want to search)

Here are some examples:

“idea part b” site:ed.gov

This will only return results from sites found on ed.gov

“idea part b” site:michigan.gov

Limits just to Michigan.gov

“idea part b” site:.gov

Limits to any site that ends in .gov

I hope this is a helpful start and please let me know if I can assist you further.

Best,  
Julia

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**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026 at 8:09 AM

**To:** Ezzo, Julia <[julia@msu.edu](mailto:julia@msu.edu)>

**Subject:** Assistance Identifying Government Sources on IDEA Oversight & State Audits (2015–2025)

Hello Julia,

I'm preparing a research brief on autism and disability service access, with a focus on IDEA Part B oversight and state-level monitoring trends from 2015–2025. I would appreciate your guidance on where within MSU's government document collections I can locate:

- IDEA Part B monitoring reports and OSEP oversight documents
- state education audits (Michigan, Minnesota, Massachusetts)
- federal and state SPED compliance materials
- historical budget or program capacity reports
- government-issued ASD/SPED workforce data

I'm not asking for compiled research — just direction on which government document repositories or databases would be most appropriate for this work.

Thank you for your help.

Best,

