

# Hearing Notice

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## Department will hold hearing on proposed rules related to children with disabilities

MADISON –The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will hold an administrative rules hearing to accept public testimony on proposed changes to permanent rules related to children with disabilities.

The proposed rules seek to amend [Wis. Admin. Code sec. PI 11](#), related to the following:

- [Clearinghouse Rule 20-072](#), amending PI 11 relating to relating to sensory impairment terminology and deafblindness. The proposed rule updates terminology and eligibility criteria for pupils who are blind and visually impaired and pupils who are deaf and hard of hearing, and recognizes deafblindness as an additional area of impairment.
- [Clearinghouse Rule 20-073](#), amending PI 11 relating to relating to emotional behavior disability criteria. This proposed rule updates criteria in identifying pupils who have an emotional behavior disability to recognize current knowledge and best practices, and to properly address student needs.
- [Clearinghouse Rule 20-074](#), amending PI 11 relating to speech and language impairment criteria. This proposed rule updates criteria relating to identifying pupils who have a speech or language impairment to properly address student needs.

The DPI will hold the public hearing by teleconference only. Additional information on attending is provided below. Written comments received no later than the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the department's [Administrative Rules webpage](#) or the [Wisconsin Legislature Rules site](#). Written comments may be made via the [legislature's webpage for submitting public comment](#). Questions or additional testimony may be [sent by email to the department's administrative rules coordinator](#), or sent by U.S. mail to Carl Bryan, administrative rules coordinator, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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**WHAT:** Public hearing on proposed changes to administrative rules

**WHEN:** Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, from 3-4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Conference call only; Phone number: 608-620-9781; Conference ID: 503 529 536#

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