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This collection of state-specific Department of Education links serves as a centralized navigation guide to each U.S. state's official Special Education guidance, including policies, procedures, and resources aligned with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and related federal and state requirements. By selecting an individual state, educators, administrators, researchers, families, and advocates can access that state's publicly available information on special education processes such as referral, evaluation, eligibility determination, Individualized Education Program (IEP) development, service delivery, progress monitoring, dispute resolution, and procedural safeguards. While some states provide comprehensive manuals, technical assistance documents, and detailed implementation guidance, others offer more limited or high-level information, reflecting variability in state infrastructure, policy development, and transparency. Consequently, the depth and accessibility of resources may differ significantly by state. Collectively, these links function as a practical entry point and comparative reference, enabling users to locate official state guidance, identify gaps in publicly available information, and better understand how special education services and compliance expectations are articulated and supported across different state contexts.