

Getting Personal With ... Ken

Ken Robison has been a member of the San Diego County Forms Committee for districts using SpEd Forms since 2005, and is currently the SpEd Forms Customer Advocate.

Since Ken retired from his position as site administrator for Fifth Avenue Academy in 2009, he and his wife have become involved with several genealogy societies in San Diego. According to Ken, so far no famous folks or criminals have turned up in their search to find out "who they are."

Keep us posted, Ken!

From the FAQ Files Student Sharing Report

With the new school year fast approaching, staffing changes are happening all over.

Check out the Admin "Student Sharing" report for a fast and flexible tool to control student sharing permissions or reassign students to a new case manager all in one place!

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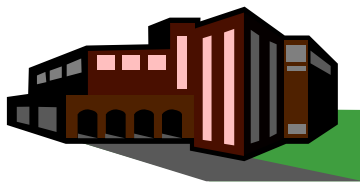
Upcoming Trainings

August - September, 2011

Date	Training	City
8/24/11	Teacher Training	Twin Cities
9/21/11	MA Training-New	Twin Cities
9/21/11	MA Training-Experienced	Twin Cities
9/23/11	Teacher Training	Twin Cities
9/23/11	Teacher Training	Twin Cities
9/30/11	Teacher Training	Bemidji

View the complete 2011 training schedule at:
spedforms.com/support/trainings_2011.asp

To register for a training, contact Kelli at:
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Focus on ... Innovative Special Education Services of Minnesota



Sandy Strand is one of six Special Education Directors at Innovative Special Education Services of Minnesota (ISES), a Special Education service provider serving approximately two-thirds of Minnesota's charter schools. According to Strand, the majority of the more than 80 ISES charter schools currently use SpEd Forms.

Strand admits that it would make her job easier if all of the member schools used SpEd Forms, but she also pointed out that SpEd Forms can provide a real cost savings.

"I recommend SpEd Forms to all new districts because I think it's the best system available. But I especially encourage the smaller ones to use it because it's also the most affordable. I point out that the money districts will save means more resources available for their students."

Strand also provides the "voice" for Minnesota's charter schools as a member of the SpEd Forms Leadership Committee. It's in this role, Strand says, that she can help to shape the software program to better suit the needs of her member schools.

"I like that the committee listens and responds to what I have to say. When I comment on something I think needs to be changed, they will debate it for awhile, but eventually they fix it."

Like other educators and administrators around the state, Strand is now busy preparing for the 2011-12 school year. Though she was able to take some time off with her family earlier in the summer.

"We have a cabin in northern Wisconsin, 20 miles from the Michigan border, that I call my 'happy place.' Most days at the cabin I just sit in my Barcalounger by the lake and read until supper time. This summer, I read five novels in three weeks."

In the News New Forms Menu

The forms menu has a new look and feel for the 2011-12 school year. Forms are now organized by function to make it easier for teachers to locate the correct form and to make it easier for administrators to conduct due process training.

Not only are forms broken down by function, but they are contextual by student. For example, if a student is in ECSE then only ECSE forms show in the referral, evaluation and service plan sections. If a student is being served on an ISP, then only the private school specific notices and procedural safeguards show.

If SpEd Forms cannot determine the forms to show using the student age and plan type, then it shows the IEP and related forms. Teachers can easily change the forms showing for any student by selecting a different plan type at the top of the forms menu.



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