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Nova York Nunca Disse Quem Pode Interpretar

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Nova York define os serviços de interpretação educacional, mas não estabelece nenhuma credencial ou pontuação para os intérpretes. O arquivo de Nova York da NDEDI mostra essa lacuna.

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New York's regulations define what an educational interpreter does and never say who may do it. A Capital Region BOCES posting shows what fills that silence.

EM RESUMO

- New York's special education regulation, 8 NYCRR 200.1(nnn), defines interpreting services by type and sets no credential, assessment score or registry for the person providing them.
- Um anúncio ativo do Capital Region BOCES para um Intérprete Educacional aceita um diploma do ensino secundário, quatro anos de experiência e uma disciplina universitária de ASL. Não nomeia qualquer certificação.
- O Nebraska, o Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts e o Maine consagram cada um um patamar mínimo para intérpretes em lei ou regulamento. Nova Iorque, com 3.644 alunos identificados com Surdez ou Deficiência Auditiva, não consagra nenhum.
- O estado também não publica qualquer contagem de intérpretes a trabalhar nas suas escolas, pelo que nenhuma parte externa pode medir a lacuna.

New York regulates what an educational interpreter does and says nothing about who may do it. Section 200.1(nnn) of the Commissioner's regulations defines interpreting services as oral transliteration, cued language transliteration, sign language transliteration and interpreting, transcription services such as CART, C-Print and TypeWell, and special interpreting services for students who are deaf-blind. The definition ends there. It names no credential, no assessment score, no registry and no minimum level of skill, and the National Deaf Education Data Index found no Department guidance that supplies one.

A definição que se detém

The Index's New York state file, version 2.0, audited all 746 education agencies in the state: 685 operating districts, New York City as one unit, 37 BOCES, the eleven state-supported and chapter 1060 schools, the two state-operated schools and four state agencies. Its workforce block asks three questions of every state: what qualification the state requires of a K-12 educational interpreter, how many interpreters work in its schools, and where they are trained. New York answers none of them on the public record. The qualification is recorded as not found, the interpreter workforce as not published, and the preparation programs as a re-run target.

The population this leaves unprotected is not small. The State Education Department's count as of 2 October 2024 identifies 1,008 students under Deafness, 2,636 under Hearing Impairment and 28 under Deaf-Blindness. Not every one of those students uses an interpreter, and the count cannot say how many do. But every one who does is placed with an interpreter whose skill the state has never defined, and only 36 of the 746 agencies the Index read publish any interpreting service or interpreter at all.

O que um anúncio aceita quando o estado não estabelece nada

Where the state is silent, each employer writes its own floor, and the floor can sit very low. Capital Region BOCES, read on 12 October 2026, is recruiting a full-time, ten-month Educational Interpreter. The posting accepts any one of three routes: a bachelor's degree in an interpreter education program or a closely related field; an associate's degree in the same plus two years of interpreting experience; or a high school diploma or GED, four years of experience interpreting for deaf and hard of hearing people, and one college-level course in American Sign Language. It lists no certification. It does not mention the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or the National Interpreter Certification. The one screening it requires is a fingerprint background check.

None of those three routes measures whether the person can interpret. A degree shows coursework, years show employment, and a single ASL course shows that a course was taken. A district that hires through the third route has met every published requirement in New York while placing in a classroom someone whose interpreting has never been assessed by anyone. This is not a criticism of Capital Region BOCES, which published more than most. The Index found four other BOCES describing their own interpreters (Dutchess, Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery under Co-Ser 324, Orange-Ulster under Co-Ser 714, and Monroe 1 under the title K-12 Educational Interpreter), and none of them prints a required credential either. The pattern is the state's, not the employer's.

Como outros estados estabelecem um patamar mínimo

Each of the states below writes its interpreter floor into law or rule; New York writes none. The five other states were audited in earlier releases of the Index, and each file cites the rule from the state's own code.

Patamares mínimos de intérprete educacional K-12 em seis estados do Index

Estado (ficheiro do Index)	Patamar mínimo de intérprete educacional K-12	Onde se encontra
Nebraska (27)	EIPA 4.0; 3.5 com direitos adquiridos, 3.0 provisório	Regra 51, 010.06
Michigan (22)	EIPA 4.0 desde 1 de setembro de 2016; 3.5 para substitutos	R 393.5026 e 393.5027
Maryland (20)	Licença de especialidade educacional EIPA 4.0, promulgada em 2023; conformidade adiada para 1 de julho de 2027	Lei de licenciamento de 2023; Cap. 196 de 2026
Massachusetts (21)	Registo mantido pela Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, EIPA 3.5	Registo da MCDHH, 120 registados em 2025-26
Maine (19)	Licença estadual de intérprete exigida	32 MRSA cap. 22; MUSER
Nova Iorque (32)	Nenhum encontrado	8 NYCRR 200.1(nnn) define apenas o serviço

Fonte: ficheiros estaduais 19, 20, 21, 22, 27 e 32 do National Deaf Education Data Index

The comparison is not flattering to the others in every respect. Maryland's standard was enacted and then paused under pressure from school boards and superintendents, and Nebraska exempts K-12 interpreters from its commission's licensure while

setting the EIPA floor in education rule. A floor on paper is not a floor in practice. But each of those states has written down a number that a parent, an advocate or an auditor can hold a district to. New York, with 3,644 students identified under Deafness or Hearing Impairment, has not.

O que o ficheiro pode e não pode dizer

O Index regista a qualificação como não encontrada nas páginas que leu, não como uma ausência na lei, e a distinção importa. Uma norma poderia constar de um memorando do Departamento, de um aviso de campo ou de uma cláusula contratual que não está no registo público. Se existir, não está publicada, e um requisito que um pai não consegue encontrar é um requisito que um pai não consegue fazer cumprir. A via de correção está aberta ao Departamento nos mesmos termos que a qualquer outra pessoa: uma citação a uma norma ou documento de orientação que estabeleça um patamar mudaria a conclusão na próxima versão.

The gap is not new. A 2012 survey of state interpreter rules by the University of Northern Colorado recorded a call to New York City's Office of Sign Language Interpreting Services, which said the city had its own internal screening and that New York State had no standard. The city still runs that office, and it serves the largest single share of the population: 1,931 of the 3,644 identified students, or 53.0 percent, sit in the city. Whatever screening the city applies, it is the city's own, published nowhere the Index could read, and it does not reach the other 1,713 identified students who live in the rest of the state.

O arquivo também não pode informar quantos intérpretes trabalham nas escolas de Nova Iorque. O State Education Department não publica nenhuma tabela de pessoal por cargo, e o arquivo federal de pessoal da Seção 618 para Nova Iorque não foi consultado neste ciclo. Isso deixa um estado sem piso publicado e sem contagem publicada, o que significa que nenhuma parte externa consegue saber quantos alunos estão sendo atendidos por intérpretes que não atenderiam ao piso de nenhum outro estado na tabela acima.

O que fecha a lacuna

The fix is one sentence of regulation and one table of data, and neither appears to need new legislation: Part 200 is the Commissioner's regulation, adopted by the Bo-

ard of Regents, and the table would be a Department publication. The first is a qualification added to Part 200: a minimum score on a named assessment for any person providing sign language interpreting under 200.1(nnn), with a grandfather period and a provisional tier so that districts are not left without staff overnight. Nebraska and Michigan have run tiered versions of that structure for years, and Maryland's pause shows what happens when the transition is not funded or phased: the standard is enacted and then deferred. The second is a count. The State Education Department already publishes students by disability and district through its SEDCAR files; a companion table of interpreters by district, with their credential level, would let anyone measure the distance between the students who need an interpreter and the interpreters who can serve them.

Until either exists, the burden falls on families. A parent of a deaf child in New York can ask the committee on special education, in writing, what assessment the assigned interpreter has passed and at what score, and can ask for the answer in the IEP. The district is not required by state rule to have an answer. That is the gap, stated as plainly as the file can state it: New York funds the service and defines the service, and on the public record it sets nothing about the person who delivers it. NDEDI's state release schedule is at ndedi.org.

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