

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: All Principals
All Special Education Staff
School Psychologists
Elementary School Counselors

FROM: Lisa Robinson, Administrator of Schools
Kim Lloyd, Director of Special Education
Travis Hamblin, Director of Student Services
Melanie Dawson, Program Administrator of Behavior

SUBJECT: ASPEN Training For Special Education Personnel 2025-2026

ASPEN training will continue to be required during the 2025-2026 school year for all licensed special education teachers, SLPs, school psychologists, elementary school counselors, as well as all Education Support Professionals (ESPs) in SEB and Autism self-contained support classrooms **who do not have a current Mandt certification**. Staff members working in any other special education setting may choose to attend ASPEN at the discretion of their building administrator and at the cost of their school.

Full ASPEN Certification (Full day training)

First year staff and those who have not previously completed the full certification ASPEN training need to register for the *in-person whole day* training on Canvas Catalog. Training dates, times, and registration links are attached to this memo. These are the final dates for the remainder of the school year. Please register ASAP because seats are capped on each date.

ASPEN Recertification (Half day training)

Staff who participated in a full certification or recertification ASPEN training last school year will be required to take an ASPEN recertification class this year. Recertification courses will be offered both in-person and online. Register on Canvas Catalog for the preferred format.

In-Person Recertification: Four in-person recertification sessions will be offered this year. Enrollment is limited and seats will be filled on a “first come, first served” basis for those who prefer this option.

Online Recertification: Those registered for an online recertification section will have **two weeks** during which they can complete the course at their own pace. The course is expected to take approximately 3 hours and should be completed during available contract time (licensed) or scheduled daily hours (ESPs). Dates for the online sections are attached to this memo. Sections are organized by setting (i.e., elementary, secondary, support classroom, and preschool), so employees need to register for the correct section based on their current role.

Substitute Coverage (Licensed)

The Special Education Department will cover the costs of substitutes for licensed special education teachers who attend the full certification or in-person recertification. Please use **budget code 1292**. If there is more than one teacher or ESP who needs ASPEN training from the same building, please consider having them attend on different dates in order to maintain adequate coverage in your school.

Claiming Hours (ESPs)

For the full ASPEN all-day certification, part-time ESPs will be asked to use True Time to record their typical workday hours on the day of the training and will be paid for any additional hours spent in the training. Full-time ESPs will be paid for time beyond their contracted daily hours.

For example:

- 17 hours/week ESPs will claim their daily 3.5 hours on True Time and will be paid for up to 4.5 additional hours.
- 25 hours/week ESPs will claim their daily 5 hours on True Time and will be paid for up to 3 additional hours.
- 35 hours/week ESPs will be paid for their contracted daily 7 hours and will be paid for up to 1 additional hour.

For questions, please contact: stephanie.johnson@jordandistrict.org or cassidy.hansen@jordandistrict.org

For Administrators: If you are interested in accessing the ASPEN content, please contact Cassidy for the Totem ASPEN online version for principals.

ASPEN 2025-2026 schedule

Register for classes on Canvas Catalog using the links provided

Full Certification (In-Person Sessions)

For new employees and those who have never taken ASPEN

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link
Sept. 30, 2025	8:00-4:00	Juniper	9/30 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Oct. 14, 2025	8:00-4:00	Juniper	10/14 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Nov. 11, 2025	8:00-4:00	Juniper	11/11 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Jan. 15, 2026	8:00-4:00	ASB Presentation Room	1/15 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Feb. 26, 2026	8:00-4:00	ASB Presentation Room	2/26 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Mar. 24, 2026	8:00-4:00	ASB Presentation Room	3/24 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)
Apr. 20, 2026	8:00-4:00	ASB Presentation Room	4/20 - A.S.P.E.N. Full Certification (In-Person)

Recertification (In-Person Sessions)

For employees who have taken ASPEN full certification and prefer in-person recertification.

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link
Oct. 7, 2025	8:00-11:00	Juniper Tech Atrium	10/7 - A.S.P.E.N. Recertification (Secondary)
Nov. 6, 2025	12:00-3:00	Juniper Tech Atrium	11/6 - A.S.P.E.N. Recertification (Elementary)
Feb. 24, 2026	8:30-11:30	ASB Presentation Room	2/24 - A.S.P.E.N. Recertification (Elementary)
Mar. 12, 2026	12:00-3:00	ASB Presentation Room	3/12 - A.S.P.E.N. Recertification (Secondary)

Recertification (Online Sessions)

For employees who have taken ASPEN full certification and prefer online recertification.

Date	Setting	Location	Link
Sept. 8-19	Elementary	Online	A.S.P.E.N. Elementary Online Re-Certification
Sept. 29-Oct. 10	Secondary	Online	A.S.P.E.N. Secondary Online Re-Certification
Oct. 27-Nov. 7	Preschool	Online	A.S.P.E.N. Preschool Online Re-Certification
Dec. 1-Dec. 12	Support Classes	Online	A.S.P.E.N. Support Class Online Re-Certification
Jan. 26-Feb. 6	Any	Online	A.S.P.E.N. Online Re-Certification