# **MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ELIGIBILITY RULE CHANGES**

#### WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR 2008-2009?

- Effective July 1, 2008, the three classifications of mental handicaps (Educable, Trainable, and Profound) will be replaced with the new exceptionality, Intellectual Disabilities.
- The new exceptionality code "W" will replace exceptionality codes "A", "B", and "N".
- All students with mental handicaps (Educable, Trainable, or Profound) will be coded "W".

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

Share information with appropriate staff at your school.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

Staff will not be in compliance with required procedures and funding might be jeopardized.

### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

 Administrators, ESE Specialists, ESE teachers, Speech Therapists, School Psychologists, and Data Processing Clerks.

### HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

ESE Specialists' meetings and Principals' CAB conference.

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