

Turning Special Education Challenges into Breakthroughs

10 Urgent Challenges Districts are Facing Today

Special education leaders are on the front lines of tough-to-navigate challenges. Teacher burnout, compliance risks, and overwhelming behavior issues are blocking student progress and special educators need solutions.



The Problem	The Impact
1. Staffing & Retention Crisis	Novice special education teachers aren't receiving the training they need to work in the moderate to severe classroom. High turnover has led to schools that are understaffed and under-resourced. <i>Real feedback: "We have teachers leaving and/or struggling to work with our most complex students."</i>
2. Behavioral Challenges	Post-pandemic behaviors hinder instructional time. <i>Real feedback: "Behaviors are certainly... pretty much... a number one on everyone's put out the fire list."</i>
3. Threat of Litigation	Districts face increasing legal risks due to inadequate IEP documentation and lack of evidence-based practices. <i>Real feedback: "The threat of litigation, that is a concern... we're noticing some of the teachers don't have enough sources of data."</i>
4. Progress Stagnation	Students get stuck, repeatedly working on the same skills without clear advancement or mastery. <i>Real feedback: "They're stuck, they're not able to get through that assessment piece."</i>
5. Data Overload & Inaccessibility	Teachers struggle to collect meaningful data, and administrators can't pull district-wide reports independently. <i>Real feedback: "The data accessibility at an administrative level is very hard..."</i>
6. Differentiation Nightmare	Teachers manage students spanning multiple grade levels and abilities in one class, making personalized instruction near impossible. <i>Real feedback: "I had kids kindergarten through third grade in my classroom, and it probably wouldn't have been necessarily appropriate to have all students in the same unit."</i>
7. Hands-On Material Scarcity	Special education teachers lack essential, ready-to-use physical materials, forcing them to create resources from scratch. <i>Real feedback: "New teachers have to develop that repertoire of physical classroom resources."</i>
8. Lack of Paraprofessional Training	Support staff lack training and clear direction on their instructional role during classroom rotations. <i>Real feedback: "Our paraprofessionals haven't been trained. They're not educators."</i>
9. Not Enough Time	Teachers are overwhelmed and struggle to fit all required curriculum components into packed daily schedules. <i>Real feedback: "Their days are already full."</i>
10. Proving Student Growth	Difficulty demonstrating concrete, measurable achievement to meet compliance and address parent concerns. <i>Real feedback: "Parents are asking, you know, why is my child not progressing? And while we of course are tasked with showing the proof that they are progressing... that has become more challenging."</i>

TeachTown offers a **Whole Child Approach for PreK-transition learners that supports teachers, protects districts, and drives measurable student achievement. Our solutions give you the evidence-based teaching strategies and training needed to plan, implement and track data to show student progress and drive real-world change in the students we serve.**

We remove the barriers so educators can focus on what they do best: teaching.

The TeachTown Advantage:

A Comprehensive & Evidence-Based PreK-12+ Whole Child Approach

TeachTown's Solution	Key Features	What It Does for You
Boost Teacher Confidence	Scripted Lesson Plans , Built-in Differentiation, Evidence-Based Practices , Comprehensive Training & Coaching	Reduces burnout and ensures instructional quality, even with new or untrained staff.
Enhance Behavior Management	ABA Principles Embedded in Curriculum, Targeted Behavior Webinars, Training & Coaching Led by Team of BCBA's, Each student is learning in their Zone of Proximal Development	Equips staff with tools to proactively manage behavior and reclaim instructional time.
Litigation Shield & Compliance	Automated Data for IEP Present Levels , Standards-Aligned Curriculum, Built on Evidence-Based Practices	Provides concrete evidence and documentation needed to satisfy IEP requirements and legal scrutiny.
Mastery-Driven Progress	80% Mastery Criteria , Adjustable Session Lengths, Teacher-Led Sessions for Targeted Support	Ensures every student is appropriately challenged and moves forward when ready.
Admin Power & Insight	Real-time Automated Data Collection , Administrative Dashboards, Pre-Built Reports	Gives leaders immediate, independent access to the data that proves district-wide efficacy.
Differentiation On Demand	3 Levels of Differentiation (L1, L2, L3) per unit, Small Group Rotation Schedules, Per-Student Unit Assignment	Seamlessly supports all learners in one classroom without adding teacher prep time.
Ready-to-Use Material Kit	Physical Student Workbooks for all students, Manipulative Kits, Hands-On Teacher Guides, Hard Copy Adapted Books	Eliminates the need for teachers to spend personal time or money on materials.
Paraprofessional Training & Clarity	Scripted Lessons for Paras to follow, Micro-Training Videos , Clear Staff Assignment Schedules, Customer Training Webinars for Paras	Turns support staff into valuable instructional partners with clear, actionable roles.
Simplified Scheduling	Daily Implementation Guides with 90-minute Block Breakdowns , Integration of Interventions alongside Core Subject Instruction	Maximizes every minute of the school day with efficient, flexible pacing.
Proven, Measurable Growth	Unit Assessments, 300+ Benchmark Assessments , Visual Progress Graphs, reports that show progress over time	Provides concrete evidence of student progress for parents/caregivers, boards, and compliance.

The Bottom Line: Measurable Success

TeachTown offers a comprehensive, evidence-based Whole Child Approach that tackles the interconnected challenges facing special education today.

We not only remove barriers to student success, but also protect districts from compliance risks.

Ready to transform your district's special education outcomes?

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