Records Specialist Manual



Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Student Support Services

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Position Duties Information and Tips:

- 1. Run/Review Portfolio or Caseload Reports and monitor compliance dates (every other week, at a minimum)
 - Look ahead: At times IEPs may come due before 3y Reevaluations. Encourage Teams to gain consent to evaluate early to align dates, and only hold 1 meeting.
 - Check for ECDD students turning 9. ECDD is no longer a viable eligibility category once a child turns 9.
 - Check for next fall ESER/IEP completion requirements:
 - IEPs due on or before September 15th of the next school year must be completed before the end of this school year.
 - Reevaluations due on or before September 30th of the next school year must be completed before the end of this school year.
- 2. Track Compliance dates for Transfer-Ins, Eligibility Determinations, and IEP meetings.
 - From other Districts: Meeting must be held within 10 day after the School Psychologist/Speech Pathologist signs off on the Transfer-In. Documents and a Checklist are attached to the email sent to the school Team from SSS.
 - Childfind Preschool: Information is included/attached to the email sent to the school Team from SSS.
 - Infant Learning Program: Checklist and other needed documents are attached to the email sent to the school Team from SSS.
- 3. Track paperwork from all Team meetings; submit to Student Support Services based on timelines:
 - Send paperwork to Student Support Services weekly, at a minimum.
 - Paperwork should be clipped/batched by student, and not document type (for example the ESER and the IEP from the same meeting; Transfer-In documents and Referral packet if Consent was signed at the meeting).
 - A Checklist should accompany documents
- 4. Gather/Review Special Education evaluation Referral packets, and send to SSS for processing. These documents are **required** for a Records Technician to process a Referral packet (**Exceptions**: **Speech Only Exits and Additional Assessments to dismiss Related Services**)
 - Referral Form (Not required for Exceptions)
 - Consent to Evaluate
 - Must be signed by either the documented parent/guardian, a confirmed Foster Parent, or a Surrogate Parent appointed by the District.
 - Case Workers from the Office of Children's Services cannot sign special education paperwork as a parent, including the Consent to Evaluate
 - Written Notice
 - Classroom Observation Form (Not required for **Exceptions**)

- 5. Review all Special Ed documents in Synergy SE before Case Manager Finalizes: Review in Print Preview, so all embedded areas are visible (such as Supervision lines in the Services page)
 - Case Manager completes documents in Synergy SE, and runs Validation to identify any errors or missing information
 - Case Manager turns in any original signature pages for Records Specialist to upload and send to Student Support Services
 - Records Specialist can type any handwritten notes into Synergy SE (many Case Managers prefer to type notes during the meeting; if handwritten, original notes are returned to Case Manager for their working file)
 - Check the Misc Documents tab in the student's Synergy SE record for any open documents. (Case Manager to Finalize, or have them deleted by the Records Technician)
 - Review documents; contact Case Manager with any needed edits or corrections
 - Alert Case Manager when documents are ready to be Finalized
 - Case Manager Finalizes documents; smaller documents first, IEP last
- 6. Stay informed of changes, updates, and information from Student Support Services. Information is typically distributed via:
 - Email, which often will include attachments.
 - Newsletter, which is typically sent out from the SSS Assistant Director on a quarterly basis.
- 7. Work with the school Registrar to track changes in student's information/status, and communicate changes to the Records Technician at Student Support Services:
 - Student enters Foster placement
 - Legal name changes
 - New student enrolls
 - Enrolled student withdraws/stops attending
- 8. Monitor for Progress Report completion:
 - Case Managers and Related Service Providers should report progress:
 - o On Goal Objectives each quarter
 - o On Goal Objectives prior to the new Annual Review
 - On Goal Objectives before exiting a student who is moving from the District
 - Using the Caseload and/or Portfolio List, check that progress is being entered into Synergy SE by the Case Managers/Related Service Providers.
- 9. Send any hard copy Quarterly Service Tracking sheets to Student Support:
 - Only Elementary Case Managers are required to track daily attendance and service provision related to their students.
 - Secondary Case Managers and Related Service Providers are no longer required to complete the Service Tracking/Attendance forms. (Secondary attendance is tracked in the Student Information System, and related services are tracked within SEAS/Medicaid).

Things to Remember:

- 1) Vision and Hearing Screening is a requirement for Referrals, unless the Referral fits one of the noted Exceptions in #4.
 - If the school nurse is not able to complete these screenings, or a student fails one or both screens, Case Manager **must** talk with the School Psychologist for further direction.
 - Speech Language Pathologist may make decisions alone, if student is Speech Only
- 2) It is the **Case Manager/Certified Professional's** responsibility to write any Written Notice; this is not a Records Specialist duty.
- 3) A Records Specialist will review IEP's documents for clerical errors and missing information. A Records Specialist does not change the case managers wording or add wording to these documents.

All requests for Special Education records are processed through Student Support Services, including, but not limited to:

- Requesting records from another District for an incoming student
- Sending records to another District for a student who has moved
- Requests from outside Agencies for a student's special education records (OCS, Ptarmigan Pediatrics/Connections, etc.)
- Requests to an outside Agency for their records related to a student (Northern Hearing, Alyeska Therapy, etc.)

Resource Specialist

Certified Resource Specialists, work out of the Student Support Services Department at District Office. This is the person you ask all questions relating to, placement options/changes, program consultation, clarification of SPED legal issues, clarification of procedures, dispute resolution, etc. The Resource Specialist can answer questions about the paperwork or provide guidance concerning difficult situations. In cases where a child requires several services and/or an intensive placement, it is advisable to have a Resource Specialist at the meeting.

Records Technician

This person works at District Office in the Student Support Services Department. He/she is assigned to several schools and is there to make sure all the paperwork is completed correctly.

Student Support Services Records Specialist

This person is assigned to several schools. He/she is there to support the Case Manager and 504 Coordinator by reviewing paperwork for clerical errors, scheduling meetings, tracking compliance dates, He/she may also help with setting up IEP meetings, organizing DRAFT IEP's. Not all schools are assigned a Records Specialist.





SYNERGY SIS and SYNERGY SE:

SIS: Student Information System

Enrollment/Registration Information

SE: Special Education component

- Special Education Documents and Plans
- 504 Accommodation Plans and Documents

SE TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

Validate: scan of a document once it is completed to check for errors

Finalize: locks the document; saves to Historical Documents as a PDF



PAD Tree: menu listing of available items/screens within Synergy; content area headers expand to show screen options available under each. On the upper left of the screen:



System Focus: how broad or narrow the list of schools/students you can see is based on HR assigned job code/role, and as configured by IT.

- School(s) Specific vs. District-Wide
- School Year
- Student Status: Active or Inactive

Located in the upper right of the screen:



SpEd Docs: The Special Education tab/section:



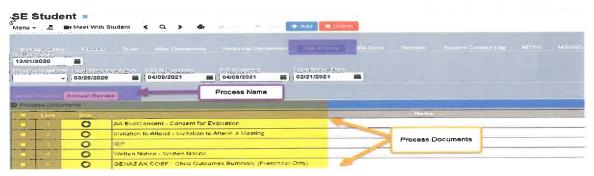
Team: Staff and Providers involved with/assigned to a student, found in the Team tab:



Current Process: What "status" a student is in, found in the Sped Docs tab:

- Initial Evaluation
- Re-Evaluation (also used for Additional Assessment)
- Transfer In
- Annual Review
- Exit

Process Documents: those most associated/used with the process the student is in:



Historical Documents: the auto-archived as PDF after being Finalized, as well as other documents received and uploaded:



IEP-At-A-Glance: the truncated version of the IEP that General Education teachers will see within TeacherVUE on the SIS side of Synergy. Will be part of the document list within the yellow Historical Documents folders:

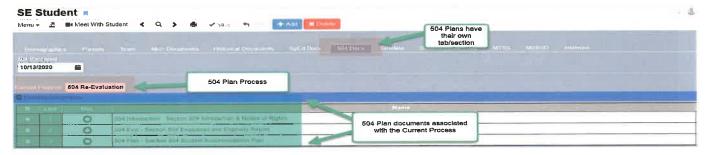


Miscellaneous Documents: Other documents a team may need, for example:

- Extended School Year Eligibility
- Behavior Intervention Plan
- Medicaid Form



504 Accommodation Plans



Team: School site staff responsible for completing and implementing the 504 Accommodation Plan:



Historical Documents: 504 Plans have their own sets of Historical Documents and uploaded Attached Documents:



Miscellaneous Documents: 504 Plans have their own set of Misc Documents:



STUDENT SUPPORT PROCESS AND PAPERWORK TIMELINES

Invitation	Parents/Guardians must be given at least 10 days notice of a meeting			
Referrals	Completed and sent to Student Support Services for processing within 10 working days of signed Consent			
Evaluations	Initial and Additional Assessment: 90 days to evaluate, determine eligibility, and offer services			
	Reevaluation: May be 90 days, may be less , depending on the date Consent to Evaluate is signed and the standing Reeval due date			
Transfer-In Meeting	Must be held within 10 days of School Psychologist/Speech Pathologist reviewing/signing off			
ESER/IEP/Amendment Paperwork	Finalized in Synergy and signature pages sent to Student Support Services within 10 working days of the meeting			
ESY	Annual IEP meetings held between August and February Parent conference days: complete ESY Eligibility at the annual IEP meeting.			
	Annual IEP meetings held after February Parent conference day:			
	 Hold Annual IEP early Hold IEP Amendment meeting to address ESY prior to February Parent conference day 			
	ESY identification and eligibility process must be completed by March 4, 2022.			
	*After March 4th: Case Managers contact Student Support Assistant Director to discuss adding students for ESY			
Fall ESER/IEP Dates	All IEPs due on or before September 15 th of the next school year must be completed by the end of the current school year.			
	All Reevaluations due on or before September 30 th of the next school year must be completed by the end of the current school year.			

Where to upload documents (Special Education)

Naming Convention:

StudentInitials_DocumentName_2digitmonth-2digitday-2digit year of the document For Example: AZ IEP 01-01-20 AZ PlacementConsent_01-01-20

**Please make sure that all documents are right side up; PDF is the preferred format.

**Do Not upload password protected documents

Historical Documents:

- All Testing Information (BASC, Connors, WJ Scores, etc.)
- FBA/BIP (if the independent process is used and not part of an evaluation)
- Check-In/Check-Out plans and data
- Consent for Initial Placement
- Signed Medicaid Consent
- Other Health Impairment Physician Statements
- Reports/Evaluations from Outside Agencies Please add agency name to upload name
- Release/Authorization to Exchange Info Please add agency name to upload name
- Quarterly Progress Notes (if not done within the Synergy Progress Report)

Attachments grid within a Process:

- Consent to Evaluate (All Referral Processes)
- Consent for Initial Placement (Initial Process)
- Parent written revocation (Exit Process)

Pages attached within the documents:

AK REFERRAL:

- 1. Consent to Evaluate
- 2. MTSS/RTI Data

ESER:

- 1. Psych/SLP signed Eligibility page
- 2. Team signature page from the meeting

• IEP:

- 1. Alternate Assessment signature page (if applicable)
- 2. Team signature page from the meeting
- 3. FBA/BIP if completed with an Annual or Amendment

• Regular IEP Amendments:

1. Team signature page from the meeting

• No Meeting Amendments:

1. Case Manager/Related Service Provider signature page

Transfer-Ins:

- 1. Psych/SLP signed Cover Review page
- 2. Team signature page from the meeting
- If you receive a document that isn't listed, contact your Records Technician

Special Education Eligibility Categories

Autism AUT Cognitive Impairment CI DEAF Deafness Deaf-Blind D/B Early Childhood Developmental Delay **ECDD** Emotional Disturbance ED Hearing Impairment HI Multiple Disabilities MD (a combination of at least 2) Orthopedic Impairment OI Other Health Impairment OHI Specific Learning Disability SLD

SLI

TBI

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Evaluation Categories

AD **Adaptive** APE Adapted PE BEH Behavior Cognitive COG FBA **Functional Behavior Assessment** Hearing Н R,W,M Reading, Writing, Math (or whichever is checked on referral) OT Occupational Therapy PT Physical Therapy Social/Emotional SE Communication (Speech/Language) SP

V Vision

Speech or Language Impairment

Traumatic Brain Injury

Visual Impairment

Other/FR Review of documents not included in other areas, etc.

Meeting Invitation Purposes and Definitions

*Check all that apply to an upcoming meeting (does not need to be changed if more happens at the meeting than originally planned)

■ IEP Development/Review ■ Functional Behavior Assessment
Evaluation Planning Develop/Review Behavior Intervention Plan
■ Eligibility Determination ■ Manifestation Determination
Secondary Transition Planning IEP Amendment
Consider Extended School Year 🔳 IEP Amendment - Extended School Year IEP
Other:

IEP Development/Review - Writing or review of an IEP, whether an Initial or Annual.

Evaluation Planning – Team meeting to discuss/propose an evaluation, and determine testing areas. Consent to Evaluate will be signed as appropriate. (Initial Eval, 3 Year Re-Eval, Additional Assessment).

Eligibility Determination- Review of assessment results, and determining qualifying areas and needs. (Initial, 3 Year Re-Eval, Additional Assessment).

Secondary Transition Planning – Section of the IEP that addresses a student's plans posthigh school; ages 15 years and older (Transition Plan must be in place by the Student's 16th Birthday).

Consider Extended School Year – Discussing/considering summer extended services (typically done at the Annual IEP Review).

Functional Behavior Assessment – Discussing/evaluating a student's behavior, and determining the need for supports and accommodations.

Develop/Review Behavior Intervention Plan – Plan written to be implemented to provide supports and accommodations related to a student's behaviors.

Manifestation Determination – If a student is suspended for 10 or more days, a meeting is held to determine if the behavior manifesting is a direct result of their disability.

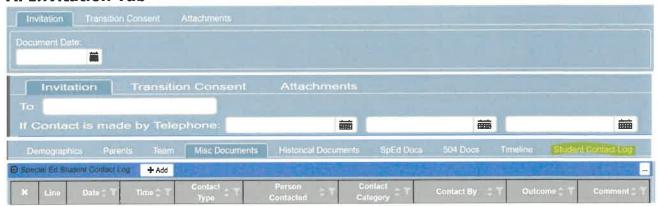
IEP Amendment - Making changes or revisions to the current Annual IEP.

IEP Amendment–Extended School Year IEP – Meeting to review data, make determination regarding summer services and revise IEP, if not done previously at the Annual Review.

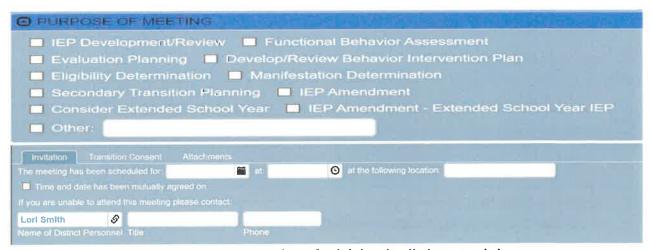
Other – Most common is: **Transfer-In** – Review of an out of district evaluation and IEP to determine if student qualifies for services in Mat-Su. Changes may be made to the IEP to align with Mat-Su guidelines.

Creating/Reviewing a Synergy SE Invitation

A. Invitation Tab



- Date Invitation is created is entered
- 2. Parent/Guardian name(s) entered in the "To" box
- 3. Attempts to contact Parent/Guardian are noted in the date boxes
 - a. A minimum of 3 attempts are required; if no response meeting can be set by team
 - b. Contact should also be documented in the Student Contact Log
- 4. Team may then set a meeting date and time; the Invitation is sent home
 - a. Can be emailed, sent via postal service, or sent home with the student



- 1. Purpose/Type of the Meeting is identified (check all that apply)
 - Meeting Purpose Definitions: Appendix Page vii
- 2. Meeting information must be completed (date, time and location)
- 3. If meeting was scheduled with parent/guardian, "mutually agreed on" box must be checked
- 4. Designate who parents/guardians should contact for questions, or if they cannot attend

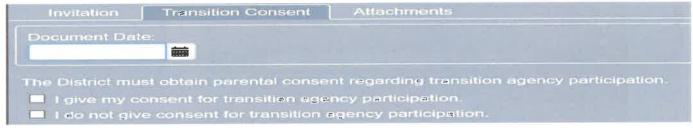


- 1. Staff Names and Title/Role at the meeting must be entered and clearly indicated (gridlines can be added by using the +Add button)
 - a. Typically a meeting requires 3 primary roles: Case Manager/Special Ed Teacher, a District Representative, and a General Education Teacher
 - b. This means a **minimum of 3 persons**. One person cannot fill more than one primary role at the same meeting (for example, the Case Manager cannot also be District Rep)
 - c. For students attending Mat-Su Day School, Mat-Su Secondary, or *Preschool a General Ed Teacher is not required (*unless Preschool meeting is for Kindergarten transition)
 - d. Attendees from an agency, or any other outside participants, can be listed in the Other Participants grid

■ Notice of Procedural Safeguards is attached

 Box should be checked if a copy of the Procedural Safeguards will be emailed or Mailed with the Invitation

B. Transition Consent Tab



- 1. Document Date would carry over
- 2. Addressed if outside agencies have been invited for High School Transitions

C. Attachments Tab



- 1. Document Date would carry over
- 2. If Transition Agency Consent has been signed, it can be uploaded here
- Invitations **should not be modified** once sent to team and parents. It documents who was invited. The meeting Signature Page documents who actually attended.

Tips for Creating an Outlook Meeting Invitation

On the bottom left of the Outlook page find the Calendar icon:

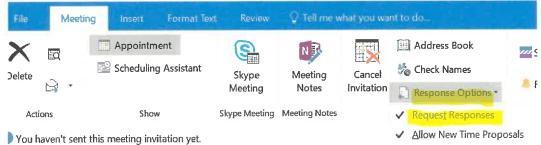


Choose New Meeting from the options at the top of the Home tab:



Optional Helpful Items: In the top of the Meeting menu you can:

Request responses from the meeting participants, to confirm they received the invitation



Choose a status to show on Calendars, and schedule a meeting Reminder to pop up, at whatever timeframe desired (number of hours before; a day before, etc.)





- Add all members of the school team to the invitation as applicable. The "To" button will open the District employee address list. You can find people, and possibly the Conference Room at your site. (Include yourself if you want a copy, and the meeting to populate on your personal calendar)
- Enter a Subject in the Subject line. Do not use a student's names or initials. Purpose of the meeting can be used (IEP Meeting, Eligibility Meeting, Eval Planning Meeting)
- Enter the Location of the meeting. (If the Invitation has the Rooms button on the right, you may be able to choose a Conference Room at your site, and the Meeting may populate to a master calendar if you have access to it)
- Enter the meeting date and the start/end times
- In the body of the invitation the student can be identified, and any other information can be added (i.e. who the team should contact if they cannot attend the meeting)
- Click "Send" when Invitation is complete

Written Notice (WN)

IDEA requires that the district provide the parent with a Written Notice any time the district proposes or refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or IEP. This WN is to reflect what action will occur following the IEP meeting; not what will occur at the meeting.

Mat-Su Borough School District Student Support Services				49
501 N Gulkana Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 907-746-9221 Fax: 907-761-4078		Written Notice	Must match the date the meeting was held.	
Student Name: Date Of Birth: Student No.:	Student State ID:	Home Phone: Home Address:		Date: 07/15/2021

To be given to parents prior to an action to change or to refuse to initiate the identification, evaluation, educational placement of a child with a disability or provision of FAPE. Notice will be given at the same time the district requests parent consent on such actions requiring consent.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS PROPOSED OR REFUSED BY THE DISTRICT: Written Notice

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the district's proposal to make a change, or the refusal to make a change, in your student's educational program. The details of the proposed action are indicated below.

Description of the proposed or refused action

What will happen after the meeting

Reason for proposed action

Why the action will occur

Description of evaluation procedure, test, record or report used in deciding to propose or refuse action

What was used to make decisions

Description of other options considered, if any, and reason for rejecting them

Were there any other options discussed?

Other factors that are relevant to the proposal or refusal

Anything else the team feels may be important

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS - As the parent of a student (or an adult student) who is, or may be determined eligible for special education services, you have rights regarding identification, evaluation, classification, development of an IEP, placement and the provision of a free and appropriate public aducation under the Alaska Administrative Code (4 AAC Chapter 52). A description of these rights, which are called procedural safeguards, is contained in the document, Notice of Procedural Safeguards. This document is published by the Alaska Department of Education. A copy may be obtained from the school district, the individual listed below, or can be found online at: http://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped.

Procedural Safeguards provided to parent(s) LS

Sources of assistance in understanding Procedural Safeguards are listed below

LINKS MatSu Parent Resource Center 3161 E Patmer-Wasilla Hwy Suite 2 Wasilla, Alaska 99654

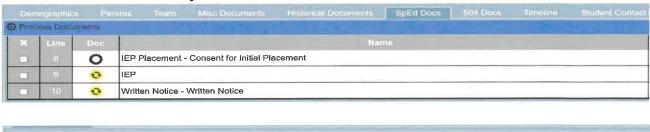
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Voice: (907) 373-3632 Fax: (907) 373-3620 Email: linksmspr@mtaonline.net Disability Law Center 3330 Arctic Blvd., Suite 103 Anchorage, AK 99503 TollFree: (800) 565-1002 Phone: (907) 565-1002 Fax: (907) 564-1000 Alaska Department of Education and Early Development 801 West 10th St., Suite 200 Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: (907) 465-8693 Fax: (907) 465-2806 Phone/TDD: (907) 465-2800

Case Manager: Phone: Lori Smith 907-555-1212

Reviewing a Meeting Written Notice

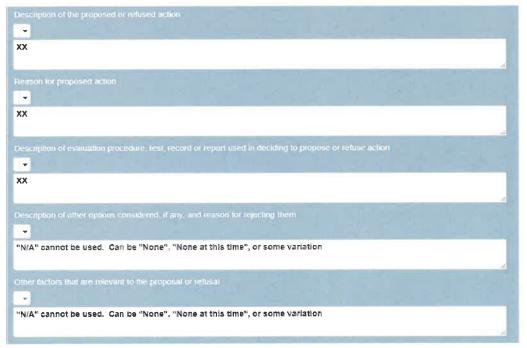
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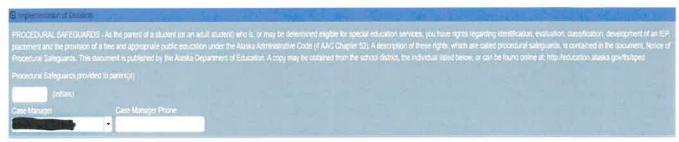
1. Document Date must match the date of the meeting

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Written Notice



- 1. All 5 boxes of the Written Notice must have an entry
 - a."N/A" cannot be used. Can be "None", "None at this time", or some variation



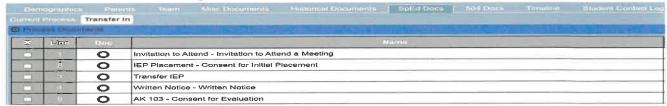
- 1. Case Manager enters initials confirming Procedural Safeguards were provided/offered
- 2. Case Manager chooses name from the dropdown
- 3. Case Manager enters a contact phone number

Reviewing a Transfer IEP

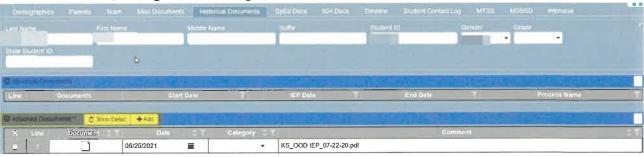
(Invitation and Written Notice within the Process should be used)

**Synergy SE Record will be created by Student Support when official records are received

Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents>Transfer IEP:



Records Technician will upload the official Special Ed Records under the Historical Documents tab, using the Naming Convention, and "OOD" for 'Out of District':



Records Technician will enter current IEP and Eligibility dates in the Sped Docs tab:

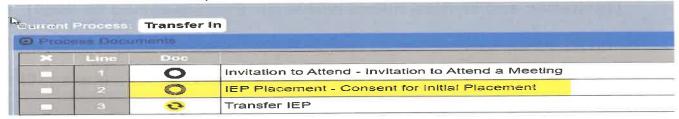
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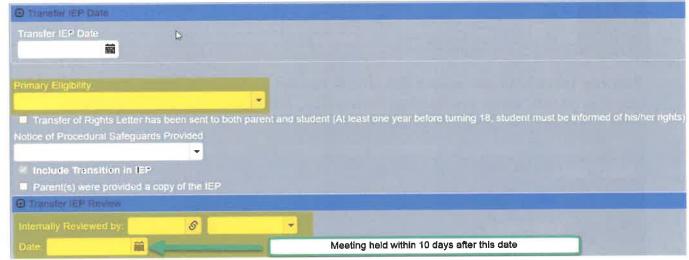
And on the Cover page of the Transfer IEP document:



- Once the Synergy SE record is set up and ready, the Records Technician will email a copy of records and a Transfer-In checklist to the Team.
- If the student is in the custody of OCS and in a Foster Placement, the team will need to have a Foster Affirmation form completed at the meeting.

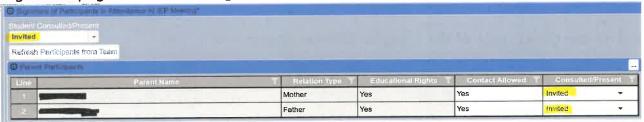
Fig. 1 If a Consent for Initial Placement does not come with the Out of District records, the Records Technician will request the Team have one signed at the Transfer-In meeting:





- School Psychologist, or Speech Language Pathologist if student is speech only, will review Out of District Evaluation and eligibility category to determine whether it meets MSBSD eligibility criteria
- 2. School Psychologist/SLP will choose the Primary Eligibility from the dropdown
- 3. School Psychologist/SLP will sign off by entering his/her name, credentials, and the date documents were reviewed
- 4. School Psychologist/SLP will print the cover page for handwritten signature and date
- 5. Transfer-In meeting can now be scheduled, and must be held within 10 days of date

Signature page for the meeting is created on the Cover tab:



- 1. Student Consulted/Present box should have "Invited" in the dropdown
- 2. Parent/Guardian information will auto-populate from the Student Information System.
 - a. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names and signature lines to generate on the printed page



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 - c. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names and signature lines to generate on the printed page
- 2. Attendees from an outside agency, or any other participants, can be identified/added under the Other Participants grid, using the +Add button



1. Transfer IEP Date is the date of the meeting

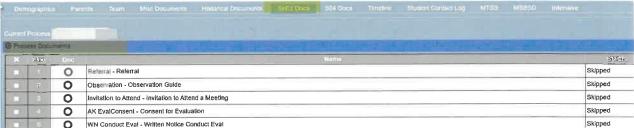
Note: Not all areas of an IEP are included in the Transfer-IEP:



- 1. Case Managers (and other team members as appropriate) will transfer the information from the Out of District IEP into the Transfer-IEP fields, modifying and amending as needed, to fit MSBSD programs
 - (for example, Anchorage School District's total service minutes are more than 1800, so team would adjust service page to reflect MSBSD services)
- See "Reviewing an IEP" for all section-specific information
 - 1. Case Manager completes documents and any items that flag from Validation
 - 2. Records Specialist will review Transfer IEP and Written Notice (using **Print Preview** is recommended, so all fields of the document are visible)
 - 3. Records Specialist will upload Psych/SLP signed eligibility page, and the meeting signature page, to Attachments tab
 - 4. Records Specialist will contact Case Manager and/or providers to request corrections or clarify any information
 - 5. Case Manager will Finalize the documents when review and corrections are complete
- If Team agrees student needs to be reevaluated immediately, the Consent for Evaluation is signed at Transfer IEP meeting. The Reevaluation process would then be followed.

Reviewing an Evaluation Referral Packet

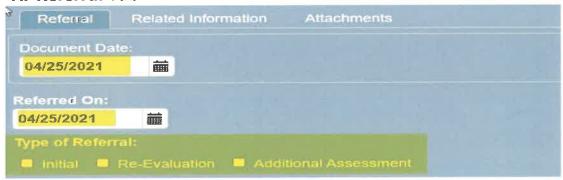
Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents:



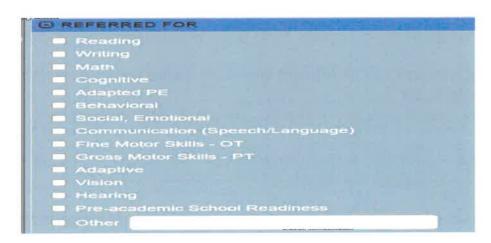
1. Referral Form



A. Referral Tab



- Document Date must be entered
- Referred On Date must be entered (must match date Consent was signed)
- 3. Type of Referral/Evaluation must be identified



- 4. Areas to be evaluated are checked under "Referred For"
 - a. Areas must match those checked on the signed Consent to Evaluate

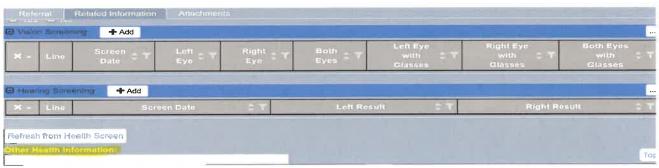
B. Related Information Tab



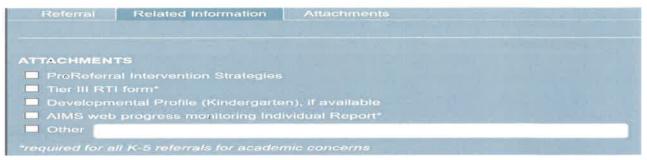
- 1. Document Date will carry over
- 2. Any prior evaluations and the dates can be noted



- 3. Attendance History is required
 - a. Can be pulled from Student Information System using the "Refresh Attendance" button
 - b. Only the current and previous year are needed; others can be deleted
- 4. Grades Repeated must be checked



- 5. Vision and Hearing Screen data is required
 - a. Can be pulled from SIS by using the "Refresh from Health Screen" button
- If there is no data, or the screens are more than a calendar year old at the time of referral, Case Manager needs to request screenings be completed by the School Nurse.
 - a. Once complete, results can be brought over if the Nurse has entered them into the Health Screen, OR
 - b. Results can be added manually if needed, using the +ADD buttons
- * If the student FAILS either/both screens, Case Manager must contact the School Psychologist. The School Psychologist determines if the evaluation can proceed.
- For Speech-Only students, the Speech Pathologist can make the determination, but is free to consult with the School Psychologist if needed.
- The School Psychologist/Speech Pathologist's determination is documented in the Other Health Information box. Any other health concerns related to the referral can also be noted.



- 6. Related Information Accompanying Documents
 - a. Intervention data is required for academic referrals for students K-5 (Reading, Writing, Math). Case Manager should check what documents are being included

C. Attachments Tab

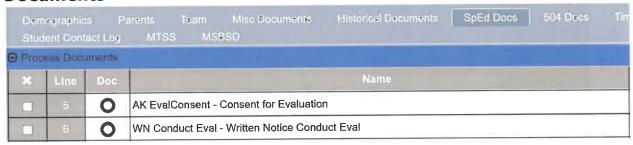


- 1. Document Date will carry over
- 2. Referral documents are uploaded here, using the +Add button (PDF preferred)
 - a. Signed Consent to Evaluate
 - b. Intervention data used for K-5 academic referrals
- Uploaded documents naming convention will be the following:

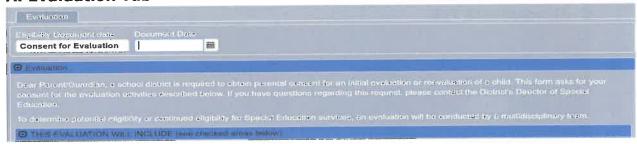
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Examples: AB_VisionReport_02-06-20 AB_PtarmiganNeuro_12-12-19

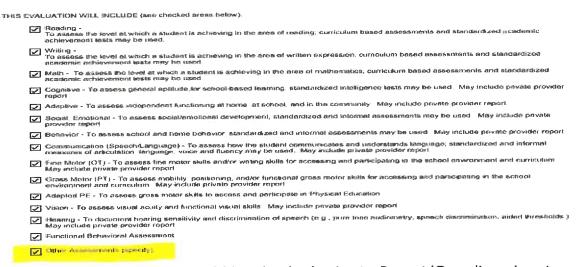
2. Consent to Evaluate: Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents



A. Evaluation Tab



- 1. Document Date must be entered (typically the date of the Eval Planning meeting, or the date Case Manager anticipated consent being signed)
- Evaluation planning meeting and/or Case Manager discussion with the School Psychologist, is best practice, prior to gaining Consent.
- If the student is in the custody of OCS/in Foster Placement, a Foster Affirmation form should be completed at the meeting. **OCS does not sign Consent to Evaluate.** Foster Parent(s) sign all Special Education paperwork as Parent.
- Related Service providers should be contacted to screen a student **before** adding their area to a Consent for Evaluation

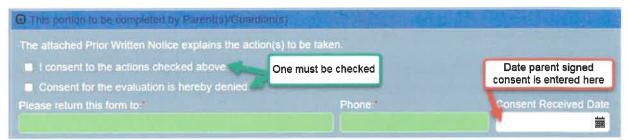


- 2. All areas to be tested should be checked prior to Parent/Guardian signature
 - a. Any areas added to, or information handwritten on the Consent must be back-entered into the electronic consent form in Synergy SE

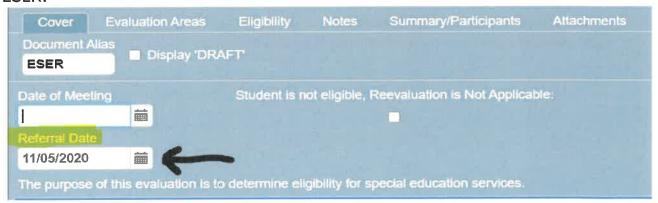
- **Other" cannot be the only item checked on a Consent. All areas will populate in the Category dropdown in the ESER, and Synergy SE will seek an entry for each one.
 - 3. Once complete, Print Preview the Consent to Evaluate and print for parent signature:

6	This Portion To Be Completed By Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Adult Student						
	The attached Prior Written Notice explains the action(s) to	be taken.					
	I consent to the actions checked above. Consent for the evaluation is hereby denied.			Leave this area on the printed consent blank			
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:							
I have been informed of my due process rights in a language understandable to me.							
	Signature Of Parent/Guardian/Adult Student	Date	Date Received Received By				

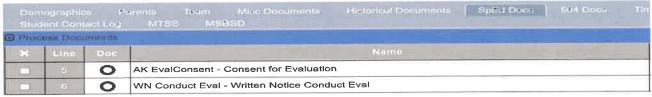
The items required on the form from Parent/Guardians are the Consent or Denial box, signature, and the date signed.



- 1. Once Consent to Evaluate is signed, information must be back-entered into the Synergy SE document
 - a. Check the Consent or Denial box, as indicated by parent/guardian
 - b. Green boxes required; typically Case Manager name and phone number, but could be other staff (School Psychologist, Records Specialist) depending on school and situation
 - c. Consent Received Date must be entered in Synergy SE
 - i. Consent Received Date is the date Parent/Guardian signed the Consent
- Consent Received date is also entered into the Referral Date box on the Cover page of the ESER:



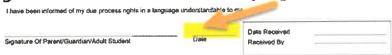
3. Written Notice to Conduct Evaluation: Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents



1. There are 2 Written Notices in the Initial and Reevaluation Process documents: the **WN Conduct Eval** is completed for the Referral packet



 Document date is required, and must match the date Parent/Guardian signed the Consent to Evaluate (or gave verbal consent via phone, etc)



Decision will always be "Evaluate". If a Consent is signed and the evaluation is halted, there will be specific documentation required, dependent on the reason why.

All 5 boxes of the Written Notice must be filled in:

- a. It is best practice to state the areas being evaluated in the Written Notice b."N/A" cannot be used. Can be "None", "None at this time", or some variation
- Prior Written Notice

 PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS As the parent of a student (or an adult student) who is, or may be determined eligible for special education services, you have rightly reporting identification, evaluation, classification, development of an IEP, procedured and the provision of a free and appropriate public education under the Alaska Administrative Code (4 AAC Chapter 52). A description of these rights, which are called procedural safeguards is contained in the document, Notice of Procedural Safeguards. This document is published by the Alaska Department of Education. A copy may be obtained from the school district, the individual listed below, or can be found online at: http://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped.

 Procedural Safeguards provided to parent(s)

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 Case Manager Phone
 - 1. Case Manager enters his/her initials confirming Procedural Safeguards were provided/offered to Parent/Guardians
 - 2. Case Manager chooses name from the dropdown
 - Case Manager enters a contact phone number

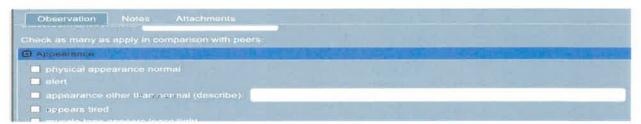
4. Observation Guide: Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents

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	3	0	Observation - Observation Guide	

A. Observation Tab



- 1. Date the Observation was conducted must be entered
 - a. Initial Referrals: Observation cannot be conducted until after Consent is signed
- 2. Student's name and grade will auto-populate
- 3. Teacher/staff instructing during observation entered (cannot be the observer)
- 4. Observer name must be entered (cannot be the gen ed teacher or aide/assistant)
 - a. Typically Case Manager; can be Speech Path, School Psych, or related service provider, depending on areas being tested
- 5. Time observed, Activity observed, and Classroom Environment must be entered



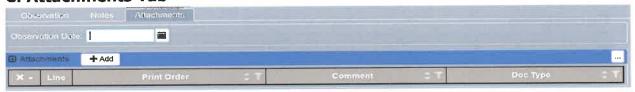
6. Any attributes observed within the categories should be checked, as applicable.

B. Notes Tab



- 1. Observation Date will carry over
- 2. Narrative notes from the observation will be entered here
 - a. Notes are best practice, but not required

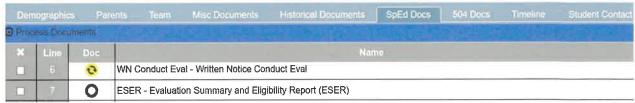
C. Attachments Tab



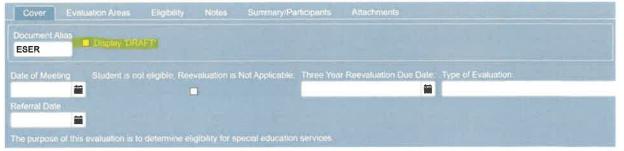
- 1. Observation Date would carry over
 - 2. Nothing is being uploaded here at this time
- To add/remove testing areas involving an Evaluation already in process:
 - 1. Case Manager will complete a second Consent to Evaluate, in the Misc Documents
 - 2. Case Manager will write a corresponding Written Notice, in the Misc Documents, stating what changes are being made to the evaluation areas
 - 3. Case Manager will add/remove the applicable testing areas in the Referral form
 - 4. Case Manager gives documents to the Records Specialist to upload to the Attachments tab of the Referral form, review, and send in (Signed Consent, WN, and updated Referral form)
 - 5. Records Technician unlocks the original AK EvalConsent in the Eval Process, updates the testing areas, and reFinalizes
 - 6. Records Technician modifies the Compliance Coversheet on the Referral Packet, adds the new documents, and resends to the Team

Reviewing the Evaluation Summary Eligibility Report (ESER) Initial Evaluations and 3 year Reevaluations

*Print Preview format is recommended for document review Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents



A. Cover Tab



- 1. The Team may choose to check the "Display DRAFT" box until the meeting is held.

 *The box must be unchecked in order for the ESER to Finalize
- 2. Date of Meeting: remains blank until meeting is held
- 3. Referral Date must be entered (the date Parent signed the Consent to Evaluate)
- 4. Type of Evaluation must be chosen from the dropdown:



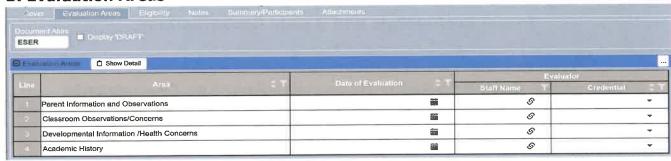
- 5. Meeting Date/Reevaluation Due Date; dates should relate as follows:
 - a. **Initial**: the Three Year Reeval Date is based on the date of the meeting: 3 years minus 1 day from the date of the meeting
 - b. **Reevaluation**: the current compliance date should show in the Due Date box. The next Reeval date will be based on the date of the meeting, once it is held: 3 year minus 1 day from the date of the meeting
 - c. **Additional Assessment**: the Reevaluation Due Date is not reset in relation to the meeting date. The date is to remain the existing 3-year Reeval date



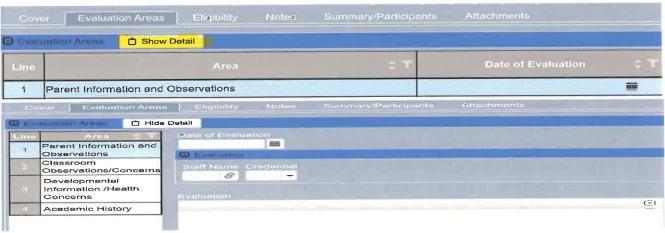
6. If the student does not qualify, the "Student is not eligible" box is checked.

This will clear the Reevaluation Due Date box and not flag future compliance

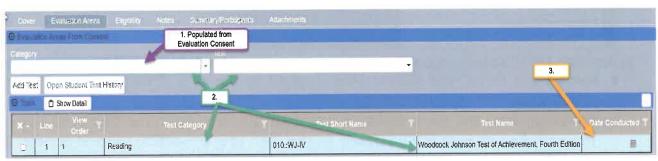
B. Evaluation Areas



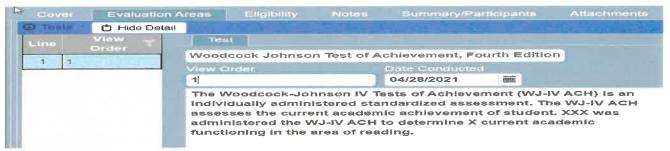
- 1. Case Manager completes Parent Information and Observations section (Required)
- 2. Case Manager completes Classroom Observation/Concerns section (Required)
- 3. Any Team member can enter Developmental Information/Health Concerns (Optional)
- 4. Any Team member can enter data in Academic History (Optional)



1. Narrative data and information is entered in each section by clicking the numbered line to turn it blue, then clicking Show Detail



- 1. Category dropdown options auto-populate from the Consent to Evaluate
- 2. Each Evaluator is responsible for adding their Category and Test by choosing from the dropdowns and clicking the Add Test button
- 3. Each Evaluator is responsible for entering the date the evaluation was done in the Date Conducted box.



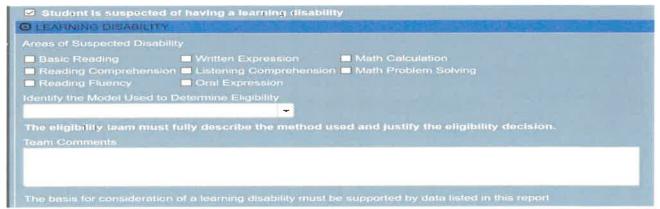
1. Assessment results are entered by clicking the numbered line to turn it blue, then clicking Show Detail



- The Overall Summary is typically completed by the School Psychologist, or Speech/Language Pathologist if student is Speech-Only
- 2. Date, Evaluator Name, Credentials, and the recommendation is entered

C. Eligibility

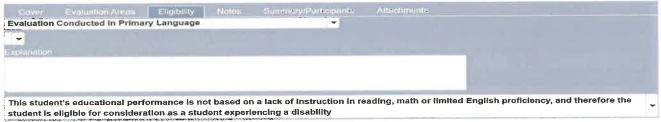




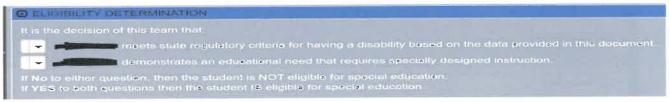
- 1. "Suspected Learning Disability" box will be checked and this area completed by School Psychologist if student was evaluated in Academic areas
 - a. Any Areas of Suspected Disability would be checked
 - b. Model Used will be identified from the dropdown
 - c. Team Comments box is optional



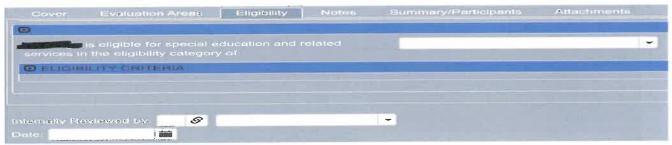
If Response to Intervention is chosen, check boxes for Reading, Writing, and Math open
 School Psychologist will check areas as appropriate, and complete the dropdowns



- 1. One option must be picked from the "Primary Language" dropdown
 - a. If the evaluation was not conducted in the student's primary language, an Explanation must be entered
- 2. One option must be picked from the "Educational Performance" dropdown



1. School Psychologist will recommend eligibility by choosing Yes or No from the 2 dropdowns. Both must be completed, and both must be Yes for student to qualify



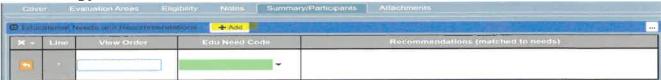
- 1. If student qualifies, School Psychologist will choose an Eligibility Category in the box to the right
 - a. An explanation of the Category criteria will auto-populate into the document
- 2. School Psychologist will enter his/her name, pick professional credentials from the dropdown, and enter the review date (or SLP if Speech Only).
 - a. For **ALL** Additional Assessments: The School Psychologist assigned to the school site reviews and signs off on the ESER
- 3. School Psychologist, or Speech Path if student is speech only, will print this page to sign, date, and give to Case Manager.

D. Notes



1. Eligibility Determination meeting notes must be typed (handwritten notes are returned to the Case Manager for the working file)

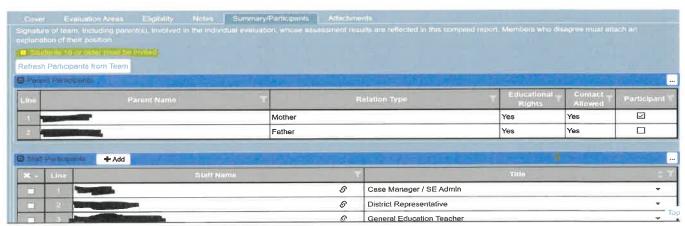
E. Summary/Participants (this page generates the signature page for the ESER meeting)



- 1. Each evaluator will put their area into the grid as an Educational Need by using the +Add button, if the student qualifies in that area
- 2. Each evaluator must also write a Recommendation to match the Need



- 1. The box indicating a copy of the report was provided to Parents/Guardians must be checked
 - a. ESER is not available in ParentVUE; copy will be sent home by the Records Specialist



- 1. Students 16 years of age or older must be invited to the meeting, box must be checked
- 2. Parents/Guardians names will auto-populate from the Student Information System "Participant" box must be checked for Parent/Guardan signature line to generate
- 3. Staff Names and Title/Role at the meeting must be entered and clearly indicated (gridlines can be added by using the +Add button)
 - a. Typically a meeting requires 3 primary roles: Case Manager/Special Ed Teacher, a District Representative, and a General Education Teacher
 - b. This means a **minimum of 3 persons**. One person cannot fill more than one primary role a meeting (for example, Case Manager cannot also be the District Rep)
 - c. For students attending Mat-Su Day School, Mat-Su Secondary, or *Preschool a General Ed Teacher is not required (*unless the meeting is Kindergarten transition)



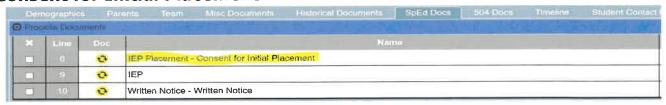
1. Attendees from an agency, or any other outside participants, can also be added here

F. Attachments

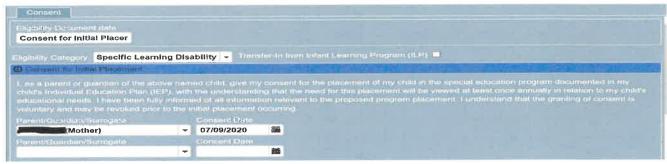


- 1. Original signature pages pertaining to the Eligibility meeting are uploaded and attached here, using the +Add button (PDF versions are preferred)
 - a. The eligibility page signed by the School Psych (Or Speech Path if speech only)
 - b. The ESER meeting team signature
- If an **Initial Evaluation** for a student, the Consent for Initial Placement must be signed by the Parent/Guardian before an IEP can be implemented
- Fig. 1 Initial Evaluation for a Preschool age student, the Child Outcome Summary Entry form must be completed by the Case Manager

Consent for Initial Placement



1. If an **Initial Evaluation** for a student, the Consent for Initial Placement must be signed by the Parent/Guardian before an IEP can be implemented

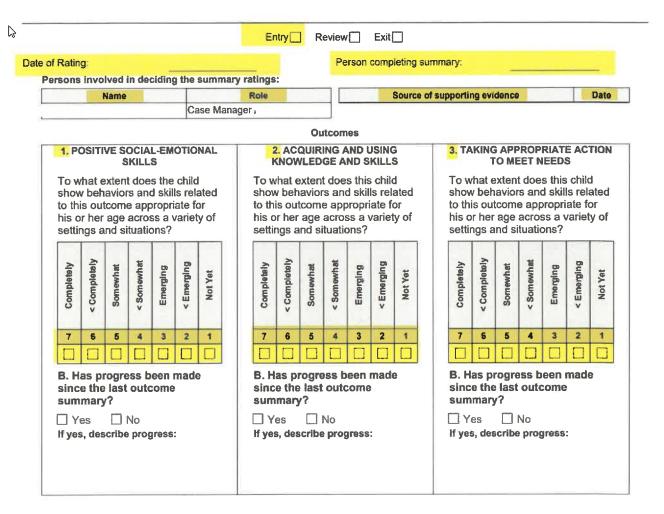


- 1. Invited Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must be identified in the dropdown
- 2. Date of Consent is entered (typically the date of the meeting)
- 3. Document is printed and signed/dated by Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
 - a. If Parent/Guardian attends the meeting via phone, IEP can be drafted, but services cannot be provided until the Initial Placement Consent is signed
 - b. The Team may hold the ESER meeting without the Parent/Guardian to meet compliance, if every effort was made to engage and schedule with no response
 - c. If the Parent/Guardian does not participate in the ESER meeting, the process stops. The IEP cannot be completed and implemented until Initial Placement Consent is signed
- 4. Signed Consent for Initial Placement is uploaded:
 - a. To the Attached Documents grid under the Historical Document's tab
 - b. To the Attached Documents grid under the SpEd Docs tab

Child Outcomes Summary Entry

n 8	0	IEP
9	0	Written Notice - Written Notice
10	0	GENAZ AK COSF - Child Outcomes Summary (Preschool Only)

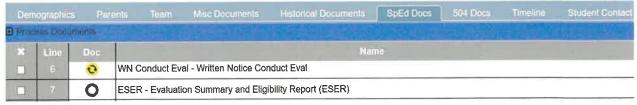
1. If this is an **Initial for an incoming Preschool child**, a Child Outcomes Summary Entry must be completed by the Case Manager



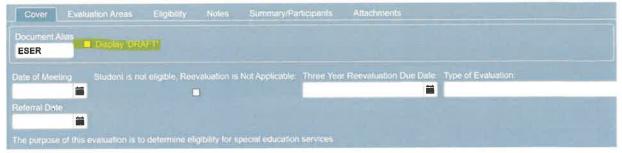
- 1. Entry box must be checked at the top
- 2. Date of Rating and Person completing the Summary is entered
- 3. Persons involved in deciding ratings should be identified
- 4. Source of supporting evidence is referenced (i.e. ILP documents, ESER results, etc)
- 5. Each area requires an entry rating of 1-7
- 6. Document is Finalized once completed
- Areas below the ratings will remain blank until the COS Exit Form is needed:
 - a. If student is evaluated and no longer eligible during Preschool
 - b. When student transitions from PreK to Kindergarten

Reviewing the Evaluation Summary Eligibility Report (ESER) Additional Assessments

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A. Cover Tab



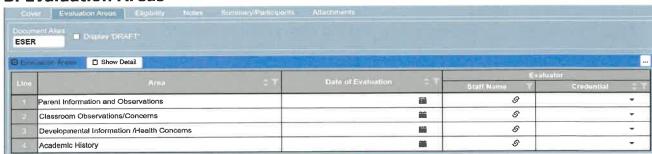
- 1. The Team may choose to check the "Display DRAFT" box until the meeting is held.

 *The box must be unchecked in order for the ESER to Finalize
- 2. Date of Meeting: remains blank until meeting is held
- 3. Referral Date must be entered (the date Parent signed the Consent to Evaluate)
- 4. Type of Evaluation (Additional Assessment) must be chosen from the dropdown:

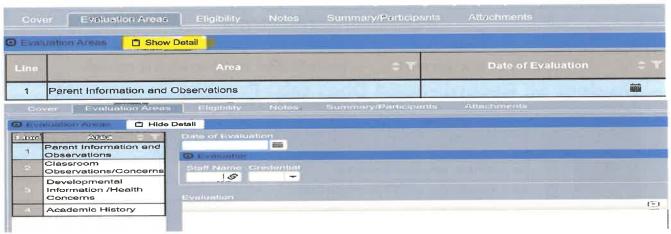


- 5. Meeting Date/Reevaluation Due Date; date should relate as follows:
 - a. **Additional Assessment**: the Reevaluation Due Date is not reset in relation to the meeting date. The date will remain the existing 3-year Reeval date

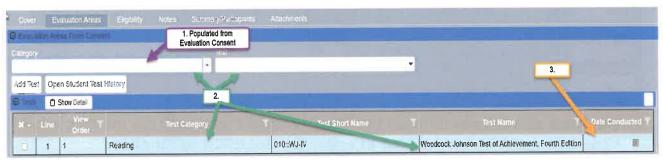
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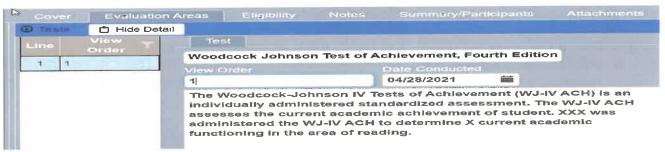
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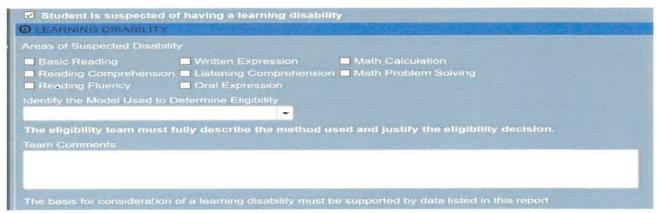
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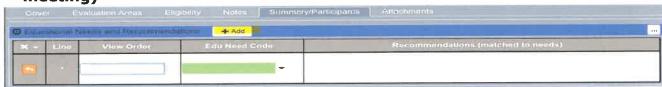
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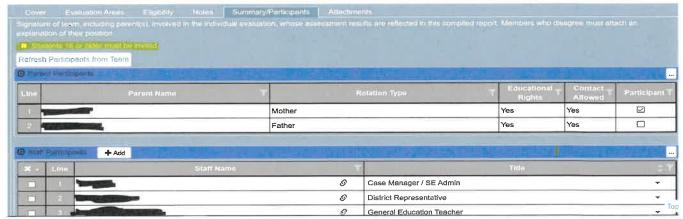
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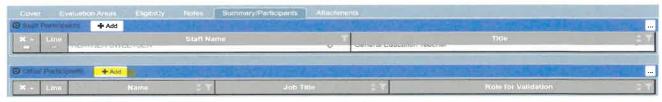
- 1. Each evaluator will put their area into the grid as an Educational Need by using the +Add button, if the student qualifies in that area
- 2. Each evaluator will also write a Recommendation to match the Need
- 3. School Psychologist will enter the original/existing Educational Needs and Recommendations so all the Student's eligible areas are listed here
- ❖ The full Evaluation data in prior ESERs does not need to be copied/pasted into this Evaluation Report. Only the existing Needs and Recommendations.



- 1. The box indicating a copy of the report was provided to Parents/Guardians must be checked
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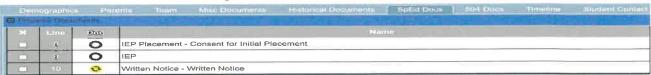
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Reviewing the Individual Education Program (IEP):

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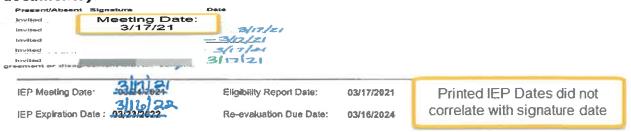
A. Cover (this page generates the signature page for the IEP meeting)



- 1. IEP Date field is the date of the IEP meeting
- 2. IEP Review Due Date is the date by which the next annual review must take place
 - a. This field will auto-calculate based on the IEP Date entered: 1 year minus 1 day
 - b. Both fields are open and can be modified
- 3. Eligibility Effective Date is the date of the most recent Eligibility Determination
- Re-evaluation Due Date: date by which the next reevaluation must be completed: 3 years minus 1 day
 - a. Fields auto-populate from the ESER and can only be modified by Student Support Services. Contact your Records Technician
- 5. Process Name indicates the current Process the student is in
 - a. Field auto-populates from the Sped Docs tab, is locked, and cannot be modified
- 6. The Team may choose to check the "Display DRAFT" box until the meeting.

The box must be unchecked in order for the IEP to Finalize

- 7. Primary Eligibility auto-populated from the ESER
 - a. Field is locked and can only be corrected by Student Support Services
- 8. Transfer of Rights box must completed and box checked for students aged 17+
- 9. An option from Notice of Procedural Safeguards dropdown must be chosen
- 10. "Include Transition" box will auto-check for Students aged 15+, and field is locked
 - a. Box is open and can be manually checked prior to age 15+
- If the IEP Meeting/Expiration Dates, and/or Eligibility/Reeval Due dates don't match the meeting date as indicated by Team signatures, cross out the dates and hand write the correct dates before uploading (Do not use White Out on Special Education paperwork, as these are legal documents):

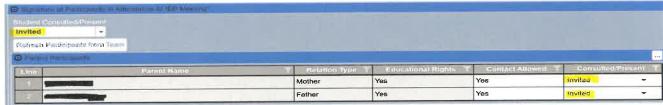


The Signature page for an Initial IEP may not have any of the dates populated at the top, depending on when the Case Manager generated it. The dates can be handwritten in before uploading:

IEP Meeting Date: '7/9/2.)	Eligibility Report Date: 7/9/2/	tEP Type: 🗸 Initial	[]]Annual
IEP Expiration Date: 7/8/22	Re-evaluation Due Date: 7 8 24		

The IEP Type boxes (Initial or Annual) do not display on the screen. Type is identified by the Process, and appears on the printed document:





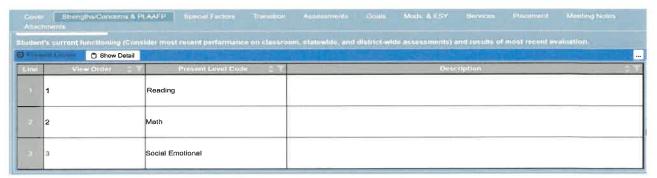
- 1. Student Consulted/Present box should have "Invited" chosen from the dropdown
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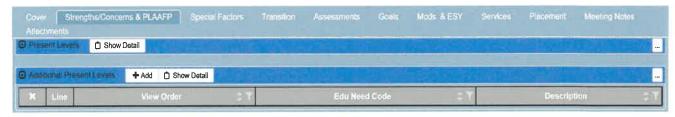
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 - b. This means a minimum of 3 persons. One person cannot fill more than one primary role a meeting (for example, the Case Manager cannot also be a District Rep)
 - c. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names for signature lines to generate on the printed page
- Attendees from an outside agency, or any other participants, can be identified/added under the Other Participants grid, using the +Add button

B. Strengths/Concerns & Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP)



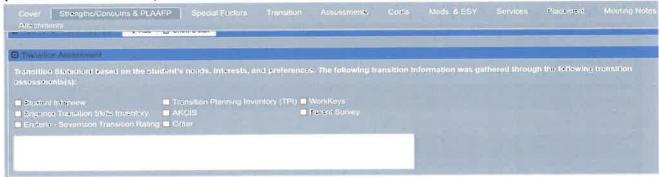


- Present Levels auto-populate from the Summary/Participant page of the ESER, in the rank order the Team placed them (Educational Needs to IEP Services "Flow")
 - a. View Order and Present Level Code are locked
 - b. Current Present Level information is entered in the Description column
 - c. These areas require Goals and Service Minutes. IEP will not Finalize if Present Levels, Goals, and Services do not match



- 1. Health can be added under Additional Present Levels by using the +Add button, for issues/concerns the Team wants included in the IEP
 - a. Adding any other Area/Category to this grid will require Goals and Services
- Note: Additional Present Levels area originally auto-populated in data conversion from iPlan. Once the student has an evaluation and a Synergy ESER, all Needs will populate in the upper Present Levels grid. All Additional Present Level description information should be moved to the upper Present Levels if appropriate, and all old Additional Present Level lines should then be deleted.

(This section will be present only for students age 15+)

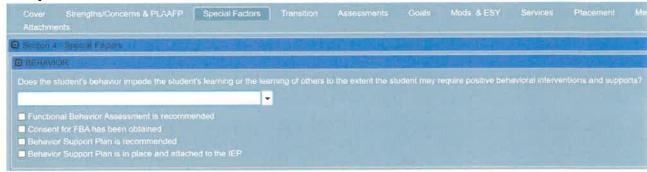


- 1. At least 1 assessment must be indicated
- 2. Statement regarding assessment/information gained from the student is required

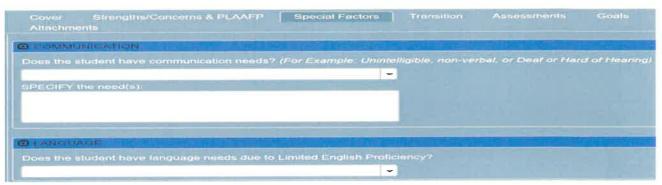


- 1. "How disability affects" description is required
 - a. Highlighted dropdown contains a library of statements that can be used, or Case Managers may write their own

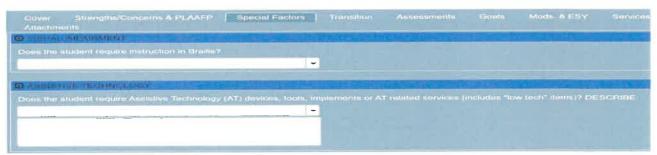
C. Special Factors



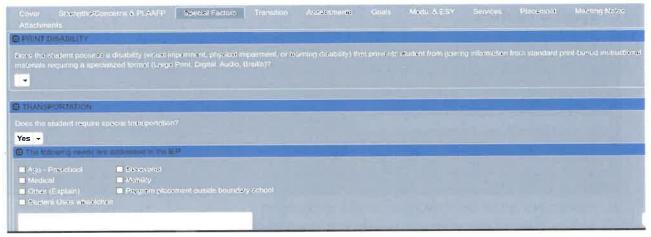
- Yes or No must be indicated in the dropdown
- 2. If Yes, one of the 4 boxes below the dropdown must be checked
 - a. If Team not ready to write a Behavior Plan, choose "Behavior Support Plan is recommended"



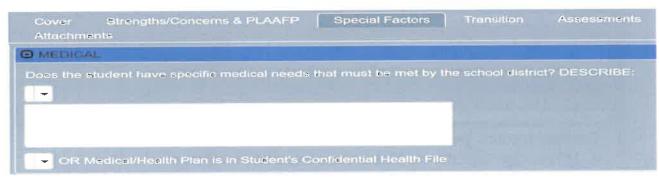
- 1. Communication: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown
 - a. If Yes, the "Specify the Needs" box must be completed
- 2. Language: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown



- 1. Visual Impairment: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown
- 2. Assistive Technology: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown
 - a. If Yes, AT supports/devices must be described/listed in the text box



- 1. Print Disability: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown
- 2. Special Education Transportation: Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown
 - a. If Yes, the reason the student requires special transportation must be identified
 - b. If "Other" is checked, it must be further explained in the open text box
- *Transportation must then be listed as a Related Service in the Services page of the IEP



- 1. Medical: Yes or No must be chosen from the first dropdown
 - a. If Yes, needs can be described in the open text box
- 2. "Plan is in Student's Health File": Yes or No must be chosen from the dropdown

D. Transition (for Students age 15+)

Cover: Strengths/Concerns & PLAAFP Special Fil Attachments	Interest Transaction Assessments		s & ESY Services	Placement	Menting Notes
Suidito 1: Translation				THE ST	SECTION 1
Was this student invited to attend this IEP monting?	(4)				
Flas the student completed an age appropriate transition asset	esament? •				
Has the IEP team determined if the student should apply to the	e Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	(DVR) or Tribal Vo	cational Rehabilitation (TVF	₹7 V	
Does this student's IEP include appropriate measurestile pos	secondary goals that cover the equation	illraining emotoyn	ent, and independent living		d ennumby)?*
If outside agencies/community partners are a part of this plan	, were they evided (with parental consum)	to the IEP meeting	2 💌		
Explain all NO Responses					
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★ Line View Order □ ▼	Agency/Community Partner	ey.	Point Of Contact	C Y	Phone :T

- 1. The first 4 questions should be answered 'yes'
- 2. Any "No" responses must be explained in the open text box
- 3. Last question may be "N/A". If "yes", should be addressed the "Transition Consent" tab in the Invitation. Parent permission MUST be given to invite an outside agency
- 4. It is best practice for the local DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) agency contact number to be entered in the Agency/Partners grid, but not required

STATEMENT OF TRANSITION SERVICES: COORDINATED ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

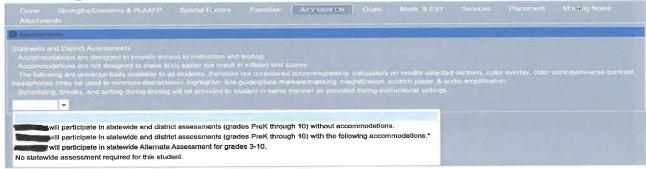
Goal Type	Activities/Strategies Related to Measureable Postsecondary Goals	Date to Implement	Person/Agency Responsible for Providing Services
Employment	My plan for a job is fikdiafilad		
Related Services			
Community Experiences			
Training and Education	When I leave high school, I will aksdfasd		
Adult Living	When I leave high school, I will al;skdjflasd		
Daily Living Skills			
Functional Vocational Evaluation			

- 1. The highlighted areas are required for every student
 - a. The highlighted prompt statements should be left in, as part of the statement
 - a. Date to Implement and Persons/Agencies Responsible must be entered
- 2. Other areas are completed if applicable to student needs



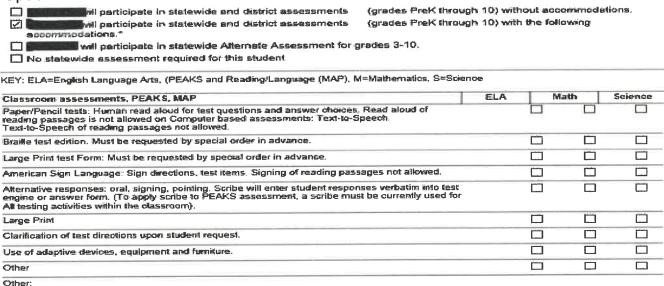
- 1. Student's classes/course of study will be documented here
 - a. Only the number of completed credits should be listed in the Credits Earned column
 - b. Classes/courses can be projected out; the Credits Earned column should be left blank, or can note Pending/In Progress
- 2. Total Credits Required and Anticipated Month/Year of Graduation must be entered
- For questions regarding Transition Plans, contact the school's Resource Specialist 7/29/21

E. Testing/Assessment Accommodations



- 1. One of the options must be chosen from the dropdown
- 2. If Option 2 or 3 is chosen, further information will be required
- 3. Option 4 should be chosen for High School students in grades 11 and 12. Classroom Accommodations should now be in Section 8, "Modifications and Supports"

Option 2:



- 1. Case Manager must identify which content area each chosen Accommodation will be applied to
 - a. If Other is chosen, the Accommodation(s) must be identified in the text box



1. If a student requires Braille or Large Print for the AIMSweb, it is noted here

Option 3

Parent Signature

will participate in accommodations.*	statewide and district assessments statewide and district assessments statewide Alternate Assessment for p equired for this student.	(grades PreK through 10) without acc (grades PreK through 10) with the foll grades 3-10.	
Reason:	<u> </u>		
	sessment must take the Alternate in	ires a yes answer to each of the followi all the content areas English Language	
Participation Criteria	Participation C	Criteria Description	Agree (Yes) or Disagree (No)? Provde documentation for each
The student has a significant cognitive disability	Review of student records indicate a significantly impact intellectual function Adaptive behavior is defined as a findependently and to function safety	sential for someone to live	
The student is primarily being instructed (or taught) using the AK-DLM Essential elements as content standards	Goals and instruction listed in the IE enrolled grade level DLM Essential skills that are appropriate and challe	Elements and address knowledge and	
The student requires extensive direct individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains in the grade-and age-appropriate curriculum.	The student a. Requires extensive, repeated, inc that is not of a temporary or transies b. Uses substantially adapted mates accessing information in alternative demonstrate and transfer skills acro	nt nature and rials and individualized methods of ways to acquire, maintain, generalize,	

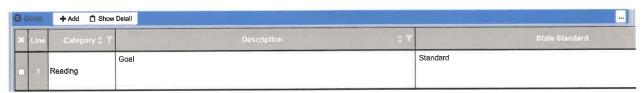
Note: the parent's signature acknowledges participation in a non-diploma track assessment

- 1. Case Manager must explain in the open text box the reason the student requires Alternate Assessment
- 2. Case Manager must answer all 3 questions in the grid (chosen from the dropdown)
 - a. Participation in the Alternate Assessment requires all answers be "Yes"
- 3. Parent signature is **required each year, at the Annual IEP meeting**, if the student continues to remain on the alternate assessment track

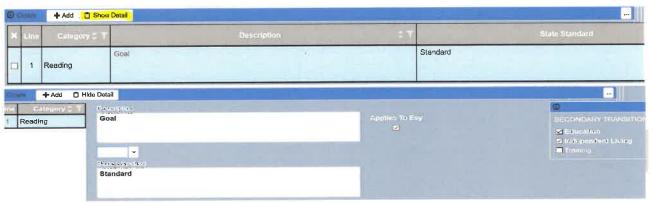
F. Goals and Objectives



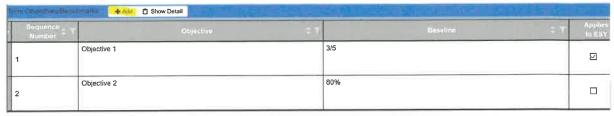
- 1. Progress Report frequency must be chosen from the dropdown (usually Quarterly)
- 2. Goal category is picked from the dropdown menu
- 3. Goals can be entered 2 ways:
 - a. written using the goal builder text boxes as prompts/help, then click the "Add New Goal" button to populate the Goals grid
 - b. typing Xs/letters into the goal builder boxes, clicking "Add New Goal". Goal line populates in the Goals grid with blank fields



1. Goal and Standard is entered



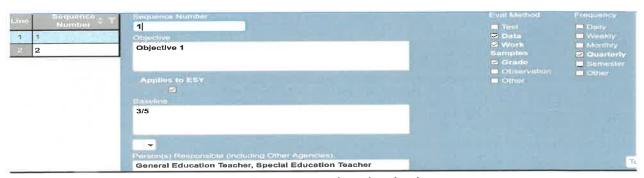
- 1. Other Goal information/data is entered by clicking the Line number to turn it blue, then clicking Show Detail
- 2. Goal and Standard carry over
- 3. If the Goal will be part of ESY services, "Applies to ESY" must be checked
- 4. If student is aged 15+, Secondary Transition options will show, and must be addressed.
 - a. At least 1 box must be checked; denotes the Category to which the goal applies



- 1. Each goal must have at minimum of 2 Short-Term Objectives (using the +Add button)
 - a. Each Objective must have a baseline
 - b. If the Goal applies to ESY, at least one Objective must have the "Applies to ESY" box checked



1. Complete Objective information is entered by clicking the Line number to turn it blue, then clicking Show Detail



- 1. At least 1 "Evaluation Method" box must be checked
- 2. At least 1 "Frequency" box must be checked
- 3. All "Persons Responsible" for the Objective and Services must be named

G. Modification/Accommodations and ESY (Extended School Year)

Modifications/Accommodations



- 1. An option must be chosen from the dropdown
 - a. Question is whether accommodations used in assessments (noted in the Assessments tab) are in place in the classroom. Most often the answer should be Yes

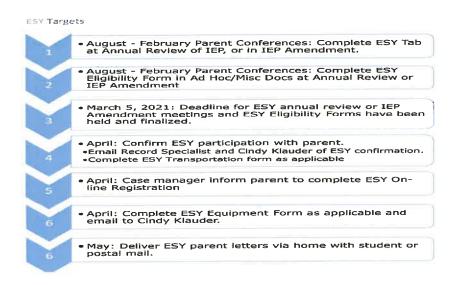


- 1. All 6 boxes must have an entry
 - a. The highlighted dropdowns contain note library statements Case Managers may use
 - b. Sometimes none are needed for extracurricular/nonacademic activities. "N/A" cannot be used. "None Needed" or "None at this time" or some variation

ESY

Determine Eligibility

Student's IEP team should consider the following when determining ESY eligibility. Case manager will consult related service providers as appropriate for ESY eligibility in their respective area. School Psychologist will be included in team discussion for ESY eligibility. It is recommended that teams discuss eligibility **prior** to meeting with parents in order to have data ready for review at the meeting as well as have ESY Eligibility Form completed for signatures from related service providers as applicable and final signature from school psychologist.



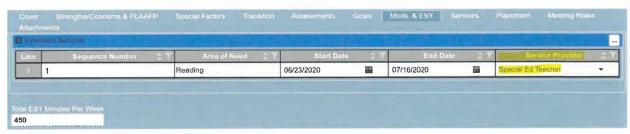
Case Managers should contact the Resource Specialist for unique ESY situations

AFTER February Parent Conferences:

• Case Managers contact the Asst. Director of Student Support to add students for ESY



- 1. A determination must be chosen from the dropdown
 - a. If "Not Required", data used to make the determination must be stated (The highlighted is a pre-loaded note library)
 - b. If "Required", further fields will pop up when Saved
 - i. Data used to make the determination must be stated
 - ii. At least 1 Eligibility Category must be checked



- iii. The Extended Services "Areas of Need" will auto-populate from the Goal section
- iv. Dates of ESY should auto-populate, but fields are editable if incorrect
- v. Case Manager must identify the intended Service Provider from the dropdown on the right, for each Area of Need
- vi. Typically students receive 450 minutes of service per week, including Transportation (field auto-populates, but is editable)
 - a. For Speech-Only students who will receive itinerant services: the ESY Minutes box is left blank (the summer team determines minutes and schedules with Parents)

Sample completed ESY section, student is eligible:

SECTION 9 - EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

Extended School Year services must be considered for each child with a disability. Justification for the team's decision must be stated below:

A review of the child's educational program indicates that extended school year services are required.

 Service Area
 Start Date
 End Date
 Provider

 Reading
 06/23/2020
 07/16/2020
 Special Ed Teacher

s eligible for site based extended school year for the school year based upon Justification - Regression/Recoupment.

The following data was used to determine ESY eligibility:

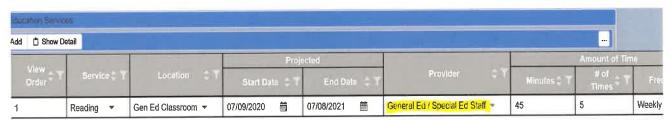
Data reviewed to make the ESY determination MUST be referenced: Possible data: Goals and Objectives, MAP, AIMSweb, therapy logs

Total ESY Service Minutes: 450.

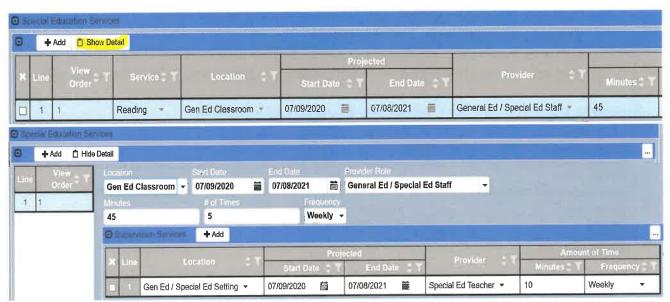
H. Services (Service Page Examples...



- 1. Each Present Level area that has a corresponding Goal requires service minutes
- 2. Lines are added by using the +Add button
 - a. Service Area is chosen from the dropdown
 - b. Location of the service is identified from the dropdown
 - c. Service dates are entered (should match the dates on the IEP Cover page)
 - d. Staff providing the service is identified by the dropdown
 - i. <u>Staff/Employer</u> is only for post high school students, who are participating in programs such as Next Step or Project Search
 - e. Minutes, # of Times, and Frequency of service are required



*If a service is not provided directly by a certified staff member (Special Ed Teacher, Speech Pathologist, Adapted PE, Teacher of the Visually Impaired), it must have a supervision component



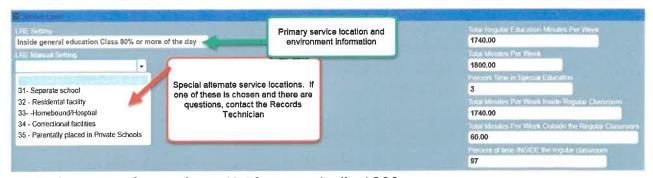
- 1. Supervision is entered by clicking the Line to turn it blue, then clicking Show Detail
 - a. Supervision Location is identified from the dropdown
 - b. Check to be sure Supervision dates match IEP service dates
 - c. Certified Provider responsible for the Supervision is identified from the dropdown
 - d. Minutes and Frequency are required

Service	Location	Projected Start Date	Projected End Date	Provider	Minutes	# of Times	Frequency
Communication	Service Provider's	07/09/2020	07/08/2021	Speech / Language Pathologist	180	1	Monthly
Transportation	Service Provider's	07/09/2020	07/08/2021		0	5	Weekly
				Special Ed Minutes P	er Week	45	5
	S	Special Ed minutes Per Week Inside the Regular Classroom					0
	Spe	clal Ed Minute	s Per Week C	outside the Regular Cl	assroom	45.0	00

- 1. Any qualifying Related Services are entered in the Related Services grid
 - a. Service is picked from the dropdown
 - b. Service location is identified from the dropdown
 - c. Dates entered must match the dates on the IEP Cover page
 - d. Provider is picked from the dropdown
 - i. If the Related Service provider is overseeing a classroom program, the Provider may be the Sped Teacher or someone else. If so, a Supervision line is present (a Supervisory program, not "Consult". **Consult is no longer a service option**)
 - e. Minutes, # of Times, and Frequency of service are required
 - 2. If student qualifies for **Special Transportation** in the Special Factors section, the service must be listed in Related Services (**Minutes are zero**)

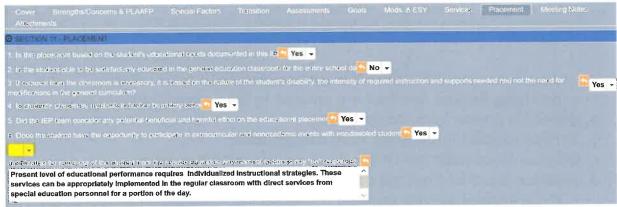


1. Any minutes that are not Special Ed or Related Service are entered into the Regular Education section, to account for the rest of the total minutes per week.



- 1. Total minutes for students K-12 are typically 1800
 - a. 4-day Preschool minutes typically total 600
 - b. 5-day Preschool minutes typically total 750
 - c. ASPIRE Preschool minutes typically total 1500
 - d. Mat-Su Secondary School minutes typically total 1400
 - e. Itinerant speech-only students minutes will only reflect the amount of speech services the student receives
 - f. Other specialized District programs may have modified minutes, or students may have reduced minutes for other reasons. Contact your Case Manager.
 - 2. The LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) fields are generated by the configuration and location of services, the student's age, and the program.

I. Placement



- 1. Each question must be answered
 - a. If all answers are "Yes", the text box can be blank
 - b. Any "No" responses must be justified in the text box
 - i. The highlighted dropdown contains a library of standardized statements, or Case Managers can write their own
 - c. "N/A" in questions 2 and 3 is only applicable to Preschool students. K-12 students must be answered Yes or No

J. Meeting Notes



- 1. Notes from the IEP meeting are entered here
 - a. Meeting notes for Amendments are entered above any existing meeting notes, and any sets of notes should reflect the meeting date they correspond with
 - b. Any handwritten notes are returned to the Case Manager for the working file

K. Attachments



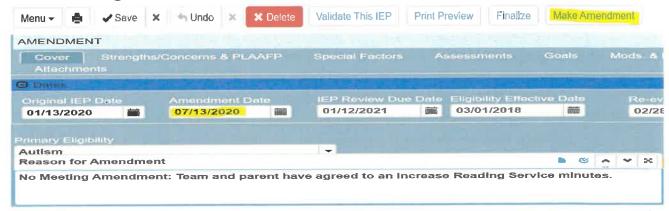
- 1. Only original signature pages from the IEP meeting are uploaded, using the +Add button
 - a. IEP meeting team signature page
 - b. Alternate Assessment signature page, if applicable
 - c. FBA/BIP, if completed

Reviewing IEP Amendments

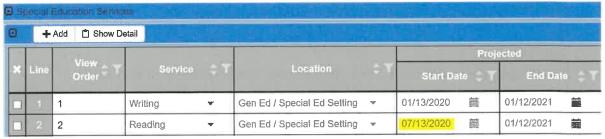
(Invitation and Written Notice within the Process can be used)

Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents>IEP:

**Case Manager will use the Make Amendment button to modify the IEP:

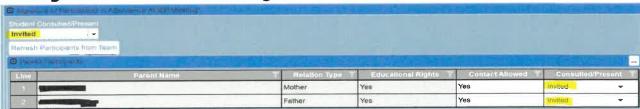


- Amendment Date will auto-populate with the date Amendment is created. Can be changed manually if needed, to match meeting date, or date parent was contacted for a No Meeting Amendment
- 2. Reason for Amendment must be explained in the text box (state No Meeting)
- 3. Areas of the IEP are modified; see "Reviewing an IEP" for section-specific information

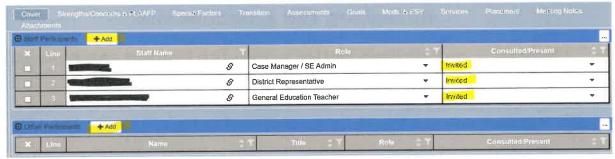


1. If a service is modified/changed, the start date of that service is changed to match the date of the Amendment

For Regular Amendment meeting:

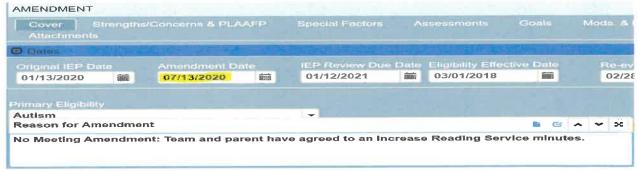


- 1. Student Consulted/Present box should have "Invited" in the dropdown if aged 15+
- 2. Parent/Guardian information will auto-populate from the Student Information System
 - a. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names and signature lines to generate on the printed page

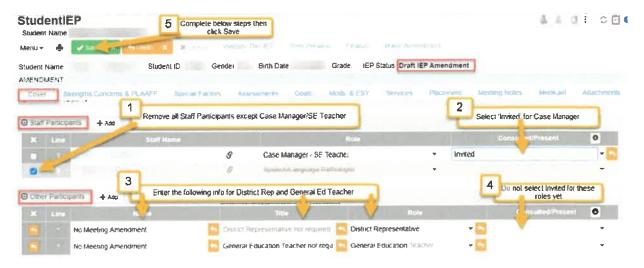


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 - c. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names and signature lines to generate on the printed page
- 2. Attendees from an outside agency, or any other participants, can be identified/added under the Other Participants grid, using the +Add button
- 3. Case Manager prints signature page and collects signatures at the meeting
- 4. Case Manager makes agreed upon changes to the IEP, and completes any items that flag from Validation
- 5. Records Specialist will review Amendment and Written Notice, and contact Case Manager for corrections or questions
- 6. Records Specialist will upload Amendment meeting team signature page to Attachments tab (Alternate Assessment signature page and FBA/BIP if done at the meeting)
- 7. Case Manager will Finalize the documents when review is complete
- 8. Records Specialist sends original signature page to Student Support Services

For a No Meeting Amendment (can be used to modify Testing Accommodations, Goals/Objectives, and Service Minutes only):



- 1. Amendment Date will auto-populate with the date Amendment is created. Can be changed manually if needed, to match meeting date
- 2. Reason for Amendment must be explained in the text box (state No Meeting)
- 3. Case Manager generates a signature page with only his/her signature and date
- 4. Case Manager makes agreed upon changes to the IEP, and completes any items that flag from Validation
- 5. Records Specialist will review Amendment and Written Notice, and contact Case Manager for corrections or questions
- 6. Records Specialist will upload Amendment signature page to Attachments tab
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- 8. Records Specialist will send original signature page to Student Support Services
- * How to bypass Synergy SE "required signatures" validation for the No Meeting Amendment:
 - Complete the following participant directions to create the No Meeting Amendment signature page.



Print preview and print the cover page of the IEP Amendment.

Reviewing a Change of Placement Amendment

(Invitation and Written Notice within the Process can be used)

A Change of Placement team meeting is held for students moving between sites such as Mat-Su Day School and the boundary school. It is also used for students moving into/out of a more restrictive program within a school (i.e. Resource to Behavior Support/ABA)

Student SE Record>SpEd Docs tab>Process Documents>IEP

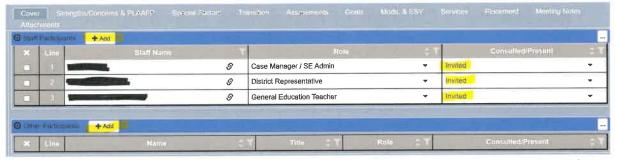
Case Manager will use the Make Amendment button to modify the IEP:



- 1. Amendment Date will auto-populate with the date Amendment is created. Can be changed manually if needed, to match meeting date
- 2. Reason for Amendment/student change of setting must be explained in the text box



- 1. Student Consulted/Present box should have "Invited" in the dropdown
- 2. Parent/Guardian information will auto-populate from the SIS.
 - a. "Invited" must be picked from the Consulted/Present dropdown for names and signature lines to generate on the printed page



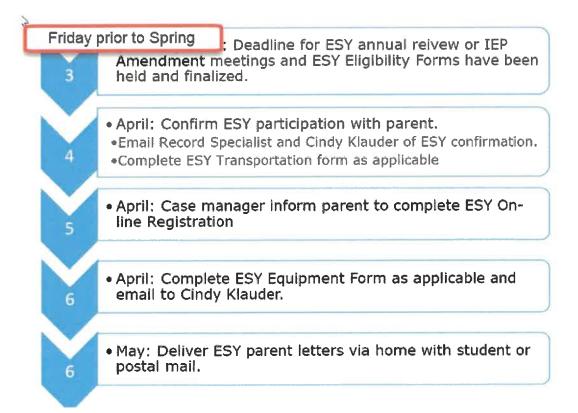
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- 3. Case Manager prints signature page and collects signatures at the meeting
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- 5. Records Specialist will review Amendment and Written Notice, and contact Case Manager for corrections or questions
- 6. Records Specialist will upload Amendment meeting team signature page to Attachments tab
- 7. Case Manager will Finalize the documents when review is complete
- 8. Records Specialist sends original signature page to Student Support Services
- * IEP Sections modified at a Change of Placement include, at a minimum:
 - ESY Section Statement regarding year-round school (if applicable)
 - Service minutes, Location, Providers to reflect new setting
 - Placement description is updated to reflect new setting

ESY Eligibility and Timeline

Determine Eligibility

Student's IEP team should consider the following when determining ESY eligibility. Case manager will consult related service providers as appropriate for ESY eligibility in their respective area. School Psychologist will be included in team discussion for ESY eligibility. It is recommended that teams discuss eligibility **prior** to meeting with parents in order to have data ready for review at the meeting as well as have ESY Eligibility Form completed for signatures from related service providers as applicable and final signature from school psychologist.

August - February Parent Conferences: Complete ESY Tab at Annual Review of IEP, or in IEP Amendment.
 August - February Prent Conferences: Complete ESY Eligibility Form in Ad Hoc/Misc Docs at Annual Reivev Form are completed



ESY Training Video (November 2020): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d-7hTVZO8bTAUh4ym8VXm9mB1Fo8rWDz/view?usp=sharing

Kindergarten Transition Guide 2020-2021

This guide is designed to support Early Childhood Special Education Teams to complete Kindergarten Transition during the 4th quarter of the school year.

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Component 1: Timeline

- Kindergarten transitions are held in April or May. Seek approval from Adrian to hold any in March.
- You can hold all your meetings in 1 day or spread them out throughout the month.
 - o Holding them in 1 day allows for more convenient sub planning for the kindergarten teacher and special education teacher that will be attending all your kindergarten amendments. It also helps related service providers when scheduling students that they may miss therapy sessions for.
 - Talk with your team/school for what will work best for your group of students.
- Complete COSF Exit for all students going to kindergarten.
- Due to Covid Mitigation Plans, all meetings should be held at your school for any students that will be attending a different elementary for kindergarten. Participants, as appropriate, from the receiving school can attend via zoom.
 - o It is NOT required to invite participants from a receiving school.
 - It may be appropriate to invite receiving school staff for students in more restrictive programs (for example: ABA)
 - o When in doubt, call Adrian.

Component 2: Types of Transition Meetings

- No Meeting Amendment:
 - SPEECH ONLY students
 - remove transportation and notify David that student will NOT be accessing special transportation in the fall
 - amend IEP to reflect kinder speech services. See attached paperwork directions.
 - Students in Head Start
 - amend IEP to reflect kinder speech services. See attached paperwork directions.
- IEP Amendment
 - All other students
 - remove all prek info and replace with kinder info.

- This could be in modifications and supports, special factors>transportation, etc.
- See attached paperwork directions.
- Complete Transportation Form for students that will be accessing special transportation in the fall.
 - Notify David of any students that currently ride special transportation because of prek, but will not be accessing it in the fall.
- ESER/Annual review
 - Any student that is reviewing ESER results and writing an annual review can also hold their kindergarten transition meeting at the same time.
 - This is SUPER tricky paperwork wise. You will technically be holding the ESER and annual review. Then an IEP amendment for the kindergarten portion. Prepping the paperwork to do all 3 in 1 meeting could be a struggle.
 - Consider holding the ESER/IEP meeting, then the kindergarten transition at another time. Just a suggestion.

Component 3: Paperwork

- All transitions require the IEP to be amended to reflect the anticipated kindergarten minutes and to remove anything that addresses "preschool".
- Meeting participants for all kindergarten transition meetings (except no meeting amendments for SPEECH ONLY students)
 - Case Manager/SE Teacher (preschool teacher)
 - District Representative
 - Could be kindergarten Resource Specialist
 - Could be related service provider
 - Could be kindergarten special education teacher representative
 - Kindergarten General Education Teacher
 - Designated by school principal
 - Kindergarten special education teacher representative
 - Each school does this differently.
 - Some schools designate 1 special education teacher to attend all kindergarten transitions.
 - Some schools want the projected teacher to attend the applicable transitions.
 - Related service providers as appropriate
 - Recommend the current related service providers to attend

- Recommend potential kindergarten related service providers attend
- Please note, talk to your current and future related service providers. This is an amendment, not all related service providers may be available to attend all meetings. Teams should do their best to have a representative from the current team or future team attend as appropriate.
- o Parents must be invited and best practice is that they attend
- See "How To Kindergarten Transition Meeting Paperwork" for full details on completing paperwork

Component 4: Assessments/Data

- Provide the designated Kindergarten Special Ed Teacher with the following assessments <u>as appropriate</u>.
 - Brigance screener information Fall/Winter/Spring as appropriate
 - STAR data as appropriate
 - STAR Profile
 - Level/program at the end of the school year
 - Heggerty spring EOY assessment
 - Communicate Social Emotional/Behavior/Adaptive skill data or specific tools student uses and their success rate (token board, visual schedule, choice board, calming strategies, zones of regulation, etc)
 - o Other relevant information for the receiving team.
 - Optional "Kindergarten Transition Snapshot" page attached, but not required.

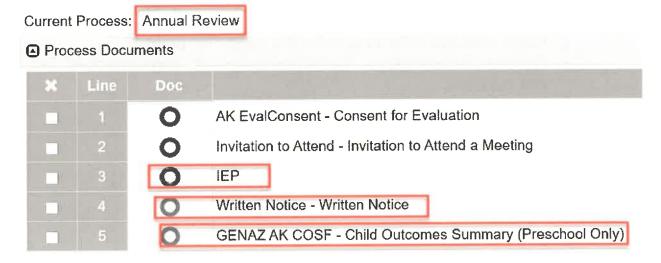
How To Kindergarten Transition SPEECH ONLY Student Paperwork

No Meeting Amendment

*You can do a No Meeting Amendment for the kindergarten transition for a SPEECH ONLY student.

*Preschool teacher and Speech Pathologist will:

- ➤ Determine who will contact parent to discuss kindergarten transition and seek approval from parent to conduct the kindergarten transition as a No Meeting Amendment.
- > Determine who will complete the No Meeting Amendment paperwork.
- 1. Contact parent to seek approval for a No Meeting Amendment kindergarten transition.
 - a. You are amending the IEP to reflect current preschool minutes for the remainder of this school year and to reflect the special education speech minutes for starting kindergarten.
- 2. Upon approval for the No Meeting Amendment:
 - a. Make sure your student is in the Annual Review Process



b. Open the IEP and click 'Make Amendment' button



c. PRINT PREVIEW RIGHT AWAY and SAVE SERVICE MINUTES PAGE to your desktop or in a file on your computer.

- i. You will attach this page to Attachments in the IEP Amendment.
 - Save with the following Naming Convention:
 FirstNameLetterLastNameLetter_Preschool Service
 Minutes_Date of Meeting (MM/DD/YYYY)
 - For Example: AB_Preschool Service Minutes_04/15/21
- ii. Doing this demonstrates the preschool minutes that will continue for the remainder of this school year.



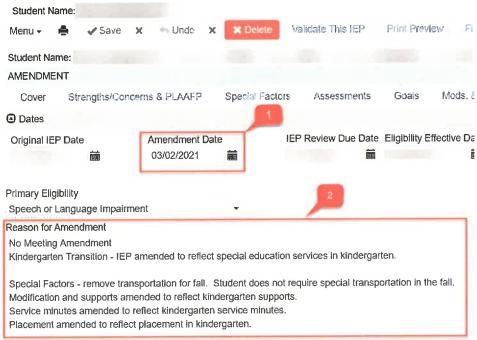
- d. Look through the IEP for any other areas that address Preschool.
 - i. Most IEP's will need to address the following sections of the IEP in the Amendment:
 - 1. Special Factors>Transportation
 - 2. Modifications and Supports
 - 3. Service Minutes
 - 4. Placement
 - ii. For example, Modifications and Supports often discusses supports in a preschool environment. This will need to be amended for kindergarten.
 - iii. **Save any pages that will be amended.** You will save these pages to your computer like you did for service minutes.
 - iv. Use the Naming convention as you did for service minutes.
 - FirstNameLetterLastNameLetter_Preschool IEP Pages Date of Meeting (MM/DD/YYYY)
 - v. Upload them to the Attachments Tab like you did for Service Minutes.

e. Once you have identified any part of the IEP that needs to be amended, AND you have saved these pages to your computer, AND you have attached them to the IEP Amendment; you are ready to amend the IEP.

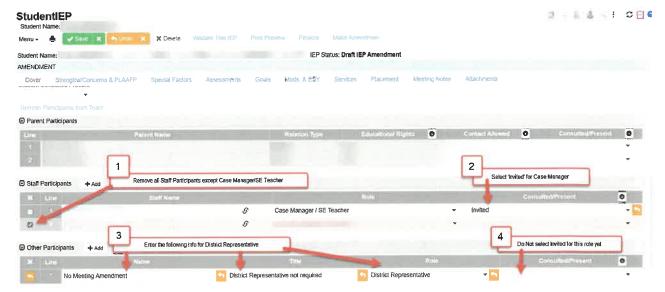
3. Cover Tab

- a. Amendment Date field: Enter the date that you spoke to the parent
- b. Reason for Amendment field: Enter the areas you are going to amend.
 - i. See screenshot for an example

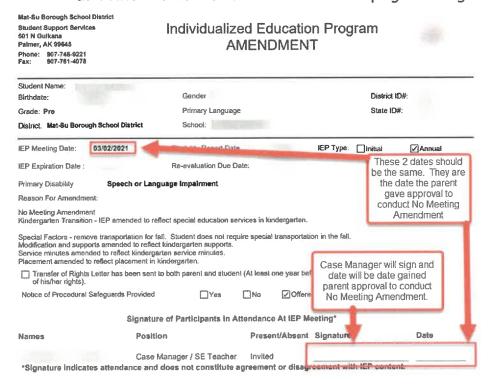
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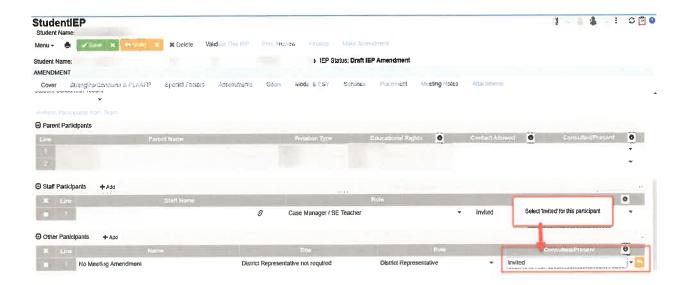
c. Participants fields: Complete the following then Save.



d. Print Preview and Print the cover page for signature.



- e. Upload signed page to Attachments Tab in IEP with Naming Convention
 - i. FirstNameLetterLastNameLetter_NMA Sig Page_Date of Meeting (MM/DD/YYYY)
- f. Return to Cover Tab and complete following field then Save



- 4. Amend areas in IEP to reflect kindergarten services.
- 5. Draft a Written Notice and finalize.
 - a. Written Notice date should be same as the Meeting date of IEP Amendment.
- 6. Complete COSF Exit form and finalize.
- 7. Finalize IEP No Meeting Amendment
- 8. Be sure to provide parent with copy of IEP Amendment and Written Notice.

How To Kindergarten Transition Meeting Paperwork

IEP Amendment

*You can NOT do a No Meeting Amendment for the kindergarten transition for a student that is eligible for more than just speech only.

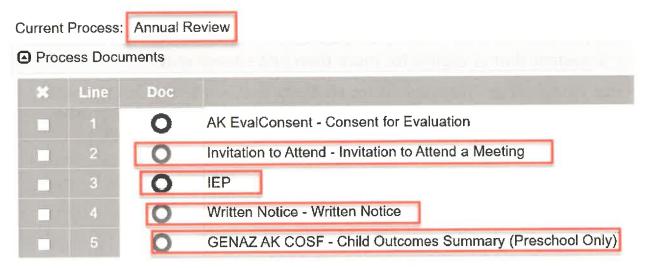
*This Kindergarten Transition is for students that will be accessing special education services through a Resource, Intensive Resource, BSP or ABA program. Students may or may not have related services as well.

*These meetings MUST include the following participants

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^{*}These meetings may be held via Zoom and attendance should be documented for appropriate participation (attend via Zoom, or sign in person)

1. You will need to be in the Annual Review Process for this Amendment.

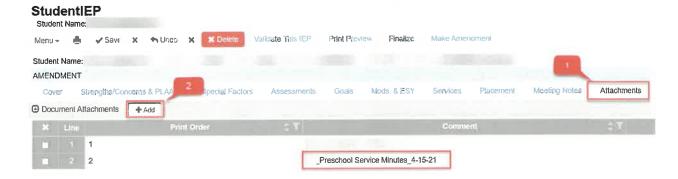


- 2. Create Invitation
- 3. Open the IEP and click 'Make Amendment' button

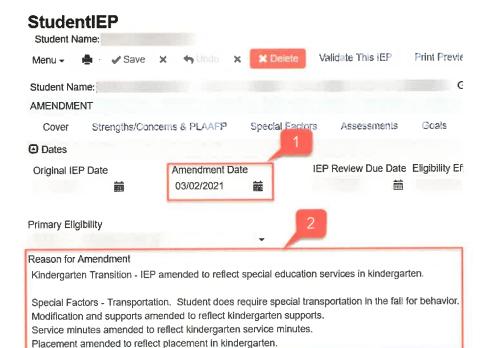


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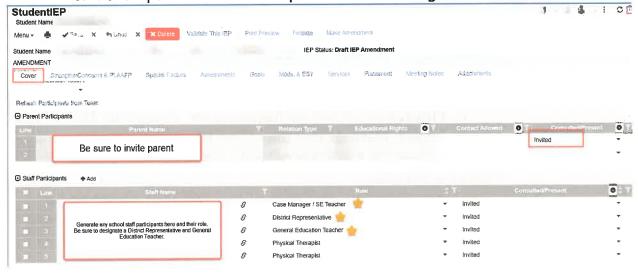
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- 9. Cover Tab
 - a. Amendment Date field: Enter the date of the amendment meeting
 - b. Reason for Amendment field: Enter the areas you are going to amend.
 - i. See screenshot for an example



c. Participants fields: Complete the following then Save.



- d. Print Preview and Print the cover page for signatures.
- 10. Amend areas in IEP to reflect kindergarten services.
- 11. Draft a Written Notice at the end of your meeting. Finalize after meeting.
 - a. Written Notice date should be same as the Meeting date of IEP Amendment.
- 12. Complete COSF Exit form and finalize after meeting.
- 13. Finalize IEP Amendment after meeting.

- 14. Create transportation form for starting in Kindergarten ONLY for students that will be accessing special transportation in fall.
- 15. Be sure to provide parent with copy of IEP Amendment and Written Notice.

Kindergarten Transition Snapshot

Student:	Age:	Birthday:	
Eligibility:	Annual due:	3 Year Due:	
Areas of Educati	onal Need:		
Strengths:			
Learning Style:			

	Can Do	Struggles with	Supports Used
Behavior			
Social Emotional			
Speech			

Adaptive Skills		
School Skills		

Other Information:

Kindergarten Resource Specialists 2020-2021

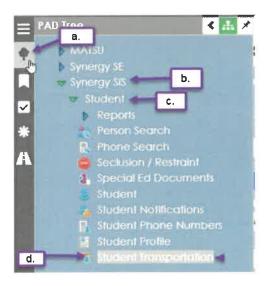
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Amy Tucker	Cottonwood Finger Lake Meadow Lakes Willow BirchTree Charter
Kelly McBride	Big Lake Butte Iditarod Larson Machetanz Shaw Tanaina Trapper Creek Talkeetna
Marti Mackinnon	Glacier View Goose Bay Midnight Sun Pioneer Peak Snowshoe Sutton Swanson
Tesa Bunsen	ABA – Finger Lake Larson Snowshoe Meadow Lakes Structured Learning-Shaw

FY22 Transportation Requests

- Requests must be submitted to Transportation by Friday at 11am for services to begin the following Wednesday
- 1. Check that the Focus is set to the location where the student is **currently** enrolled:

Lori Smith (Show Active and Inactive)
2021-2022 Cottonwood Creek Elementary

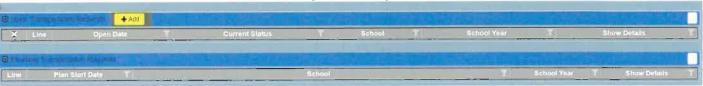
- 2. Click:
 - a. PAD Tree menu on the left side of the Synergy screen
 - b. Select Synergy SIS
 - c. Select Student
 - d. Select Student Transportation



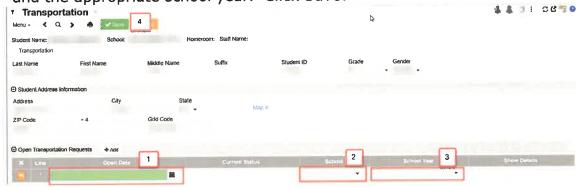
3. Search Student by name or student ID:



4. Click the +Add button next to the Open Transportation Requests:



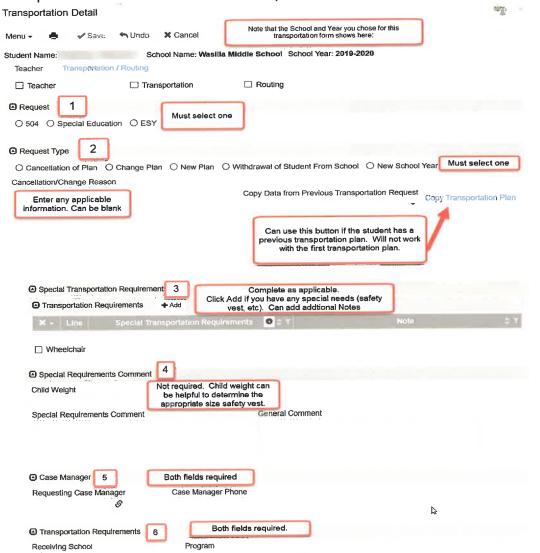
5. Open Date (insert today's date), the school the student will be transported to and from, and the appropriate school year. Click Save:

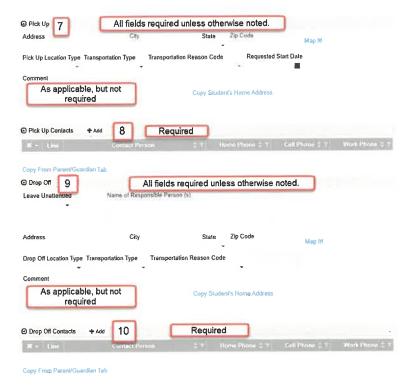


6. Select green arrow in the Show Details box, transportation form will open.



7. Complete the form. All fields are required unless otherwise noted:

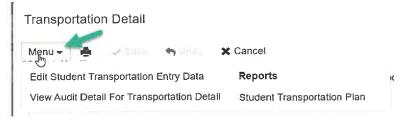




8. Once form is complete click save at the top of the form.



9. Hover cursor over Menu:



10. Then click Edit Student Transportation Entry Data:



11. Click the Teacher box and Save. Form has now been sent to Transportation for routing:

Transportation Detail



Medicaid Consent

January 2021

When do I address Medicaid Consent?

- Transfer In Meeting
- At annual review if Medicaid Consent has not been obtained.
- When parent signs *Initial* Consent to Evaluate.

*** Parents sign Medicaid Consent even if they are not eligible. ***

Which students would we address Medicaid consent for?

Any student with a related service.

Who is responsible for obtaining Medicaid consent signature?

- The case manager is responsible for obtaining Medicaid consent signature and completing the paperwork.
- There may be instances where another certified special ed staff member will obtain the signature, this is rare.

How do I complete Medicaid Parent Consent?

• Follow the steps in the 'How To' at the end of this document.

What do I do with the original signature?

- Your Record Specialist at your school will upload the original signed document into Historic Documents tab.
- Send the original to your Record Technician at SSS.

What if the parent gave consent via virtual platform or over the phone?

- Note in your meeting notes that the parent gave consent verbally via (Zoom, phone call, etc) and a form will be sent home for parent signature.
- Let the parent know that a consent will be sent home with the student or by mail for the parent signature. Parent should sign and return with student or in a postage paid envelope.

Does the parent sign a new consent at each annual review?

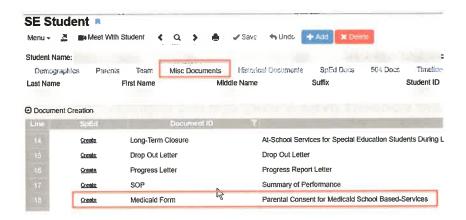
- No. Once we have consent to bill Medicaid, you do not need to gain a new consent.
- If the student's Medicaid status changes, (for example: they have recently become eligible), a new consent should be obtained to reflect this status. If they are no longer eligible, this change does not need a newly signed consent.

What if the student exits and then returns to our school district?

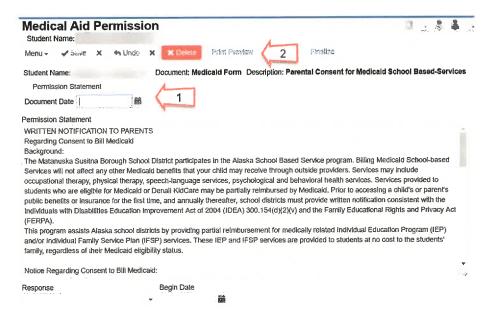
• Follow the steps as if they are a new student to the district with a new Medicaid Consent.

How To Complete Medicaid Consent

Medicaid Consent is located: SE Student Screen>Misc Docs Tab>Medicaid Form

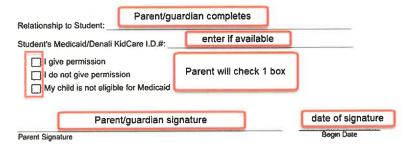


Open document, enter Document Date to be date of meeting, and Print Preview the document.



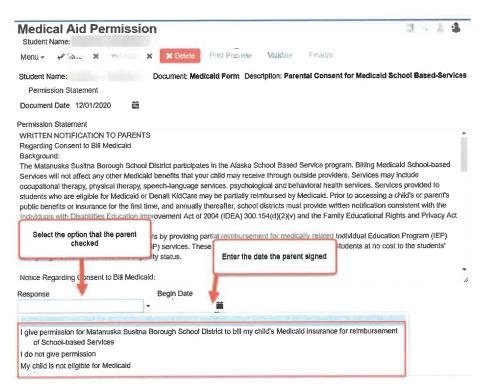
You now have the document for parent to sign.

Parent will complete the following and check 1 box:



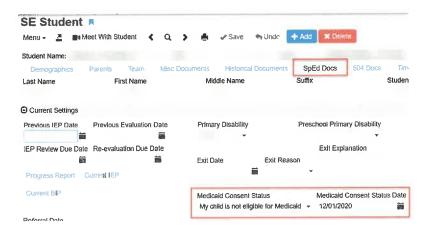
Return to the Medicaid Form you opened and Print Previewed.

Enter the parent permission that they checked on their signed form, and the date that the parent signed, and Save.



Finalize this form.

The selection for permission and the date entered on this form will populate on the SE Student Screen>Sped Doc Tab>Medicaid fields.



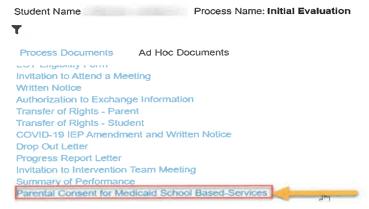
Record Specialist to upload original signature page to Historical Documents>Attached Documents Grid.

Original Signature sent to SSS Record Technician.

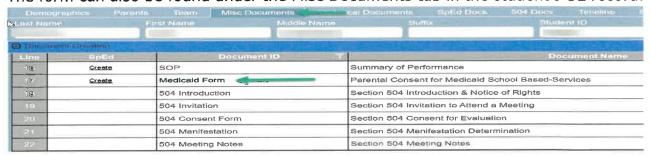
* Medicaid Consent Form

Verbal consent via Zoom/Skype/Phone <u>is not acceptable</u> for Medicaid. The form <u>must</u> be signed by the Parent/Guardian

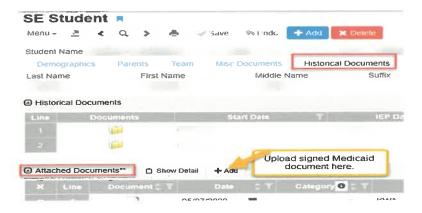
Teams can find the form in the Ad Hoc Documents, accessible from their Portfolio list:



The form can also be found under the Misc Documents tab in the student's SE record:



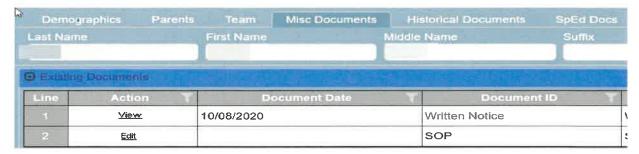
- Case manager will enter the date on this form for any student that will be receiving a related service (for Speech, OT, PT, Counseling, or any other billable service); parent/guardian will provide a response (permission granted, denied, or not receiving Medicaid)
- 2. Information from the completed/signed form is entered into the open form in Synergy, and the form is Finalized
- 3. The original is uploaded under the Attached Documents in the Historical Documents tab, then sent to Student Support Services



Questions regarding Medicaid should be directed to the Student Support Medicaid Billing Technician

Summary of Performance (SOP) for Graduating Seniors

Case Managers can open the SOP document in the Misc Docs at any time and start working in the document:



- **The Validation that required the document be Finalized before a Process move has been removed.
- *The date of the Summary of Performance does not have to match the Graduation date. It can be a prior date since the form is usually completed prior to the Seniors actual last day of school.

Once the SOP is finished, and all other documents in the current Process are finalized or deleted, the Process can be moved to Exit with the SOP still open/unfinalized in Misc Docs.

In the Exit Process, Case Managers will:

- Finish and Finalize the SOP in the Misc Documents tab
- Complete the Exit Form and Written Notice in the Exit process in the Sped Docs tab
 - Exit and Written Notice date should match the date Registrars used as the Graduation date
- Finalize the Exit Form and Written Notice

A copy of the ESER/IEP **does not** need to be uploaded to the SOP or attached to the Exit Process.

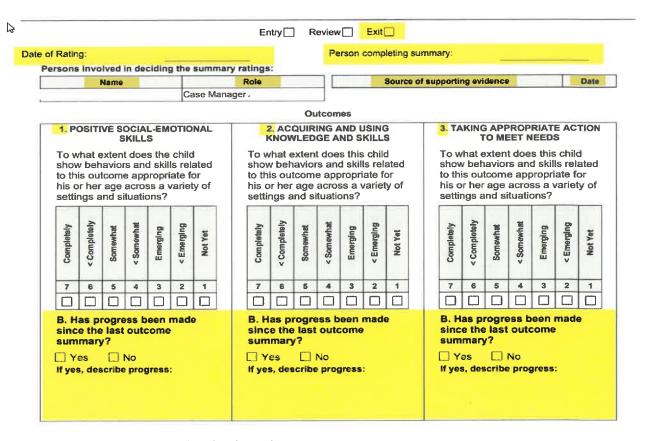
When Student Support processes the Exit from Synergy, the Finalized SOP will pull into the yellow Historic Exit folder, and live there with the Exit Form and Written Notice.

Once the Case Manager has completed the above, the Records Technician will Exit the Student from Synergy SE.

Child Outcomes Summary Exit

3 8	0	IEP
9	0	Written Notice - Written Notice
10	0	GENAZ AK COSF - Child Outcomes Summary (Preschool Only)

1. When a **Preschool student** is turning 5 and will be moving on to Kindergarten the following school year, a Child Outcomes Summary Exit must be completed by the Case Manager in the Spring along with the Kindergarten Transition



- 1. Exit box must be checked at the top
- 2. Date of Rating and Person completing the Summary is entered
- 3. Persons involved in deciding ratings should be identified
- 4. Source of supporting evidence is referenced (i.e. IEP documents, Goal progress, current evaluation results, etc)
- 5. Each area requires an entry rating of 1-7
- 6. Areas below the ratings are completed, describing any progress made by the Student from Entry to Exit
- 7. Document is Finalized when completed
- If a Preschool student qualified, but does not attend fully or at all, and comes back to MSBSD as a new Kindergarten student, the Kindergarten teacher would complete the COS Exit.

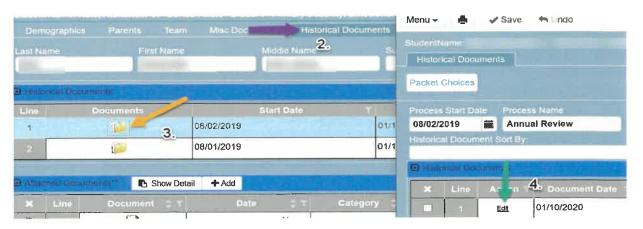
Accessing Unlocked Documents for Editing/Corrections:

When starting from the Portfolio view:

1. Go to the Students full SE Record by clicking the student name (blue hyperlink):

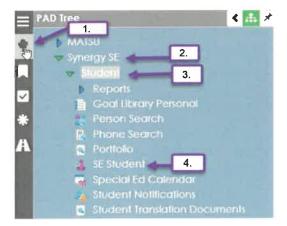


- 2. Click on the Historical Docs tab
- 3. Open the yellow folder on Line 1 (or whichever Line the documents are in)
- 4. Any reopened documents will say Edit to the left. Click Edit to open:



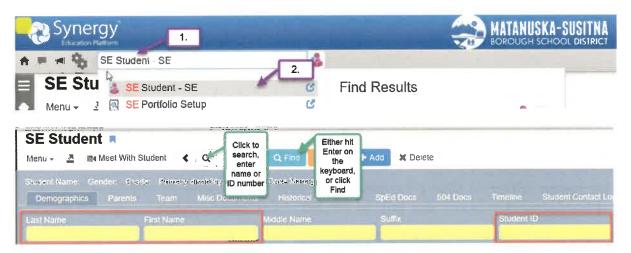
To go directly to the SE Student screen:

- 1. Go to the PAD Tree on the left side of the Synergy screen
- 2. Choose Synergy SE
- 3. Choose Student
- 4. Choose SE Student



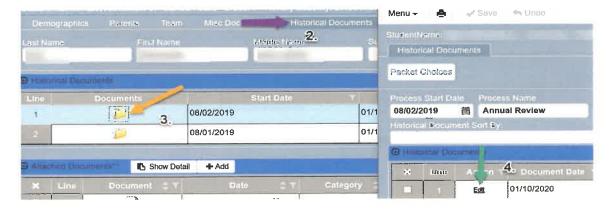
Or:

- 1. At the top of the Synergy screen type SE Student into the Quick Launch box
- 2. Click on SE Student when it appears in the screen list options



Click on the Historical Docs tab

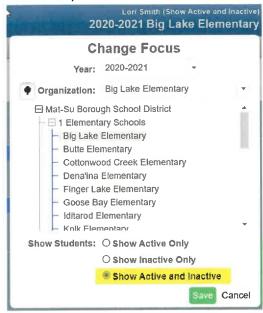
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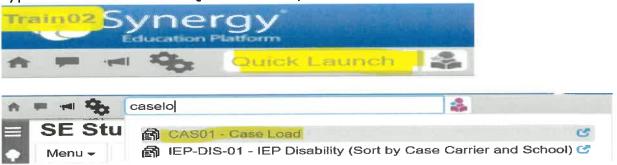
RUNNING CASELOADS AND PORTFOLIO LISTS

1. Caseload/Case Carrier Reports:

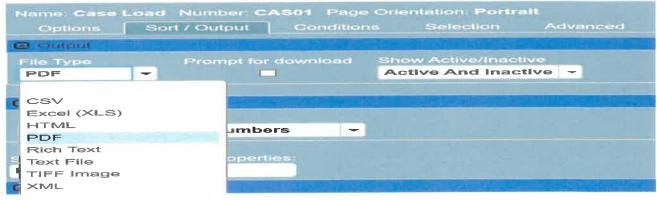
Focus to current school year and the desired school, choose Show Active and Inactive, click Save:



Go to the Quick Launch box at the top of the Synergy screen, begin to type Caseload into the Quick Launch, and click CAS01-Case Load:



If a format other than PDF is required, choose the Sort/Output tab and choose from the File Type Dropdown:



Go to the Options tab, enter the Last and First name of the Case Manager, and choose Print:



Caseload list of assigned students for that Case Manager will generate:

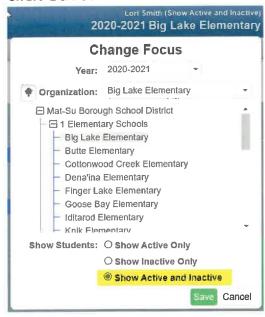


❖ If a student's name is in parenthesis, it indicates the student is not enrolled.

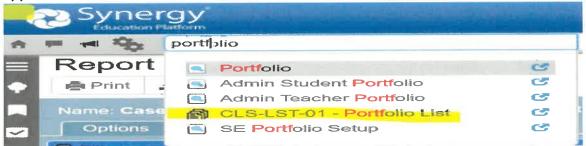
Follow up with Case Manager or Registrar so enrollment can be corrected, or student can be Exited from Synergy SE.

2. Portfolio List:

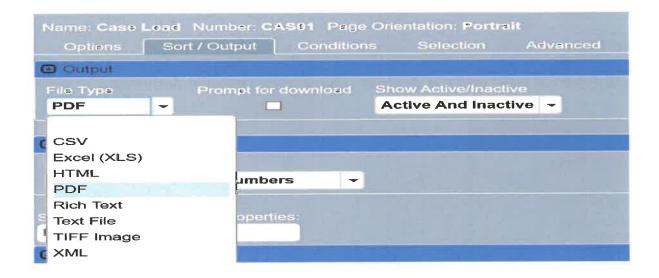
Focus to current school year and the desired school, choose Show Active and Inactive, click Save:



Go to the Quick Launch box at the top of the Synergy screen, begin to type Portfolio into the Quick Launch, and click CLS-LST-01-Portfolio List:



If a format other than PDF is required, choose the Sort/Output tab and choose from the File Type Dropdown:



Enter Case Manager Last and First name and choose Print:

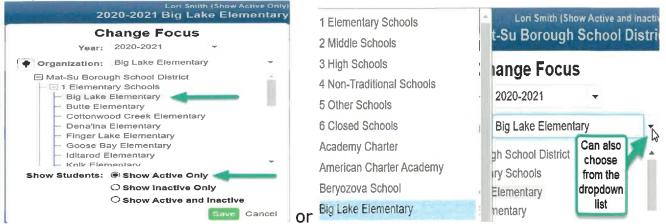


Report will generate for that Case Manager listing students, and information including Next IEP and Eval Dates:

Grade	Gender	School	Next IEP Date	Next Eval Date
5	Female	Big Lake Elementary	01/20/2021	01/24/2022
5	Male	Big Lake Elementary	11/24/2020	02/14/2022
5	Male	Big Lake Elementary	05/18/2021	05/18/2023
5	Female	Big Lake Elementary	12/15/2020	12/15/2022
5	Male	Big Lake Elementary	02/05/2021	02/05/2023
5	Female	Big Lake Elementary	04/29/2021	04/29/2023
5	Male	Big Lake Elementary	01/30/2021	02/22/2021
5	Male	Big Lake Elementary	01/27/2021	01/27/2023
5	Female	Big Lake Elementary	04/23/2021	04/23/2023
5	Female	Big Lake Elementary	12/12/2020	04/24/2022

Admin Progress Report for Checking Progress Notes

1. Focus to a specific school site by using either the expandable Focus list or the dropdown menu, then under Show Students choose Show Active Only, and click Save:



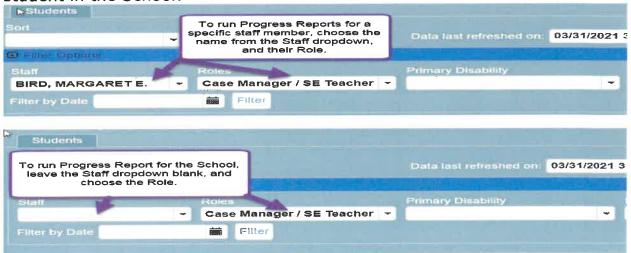
2. Go to the Quick Launch type in Admin Progress Report, and choose the report name in the dropdown:



3. Bookmark for future access, and refresh the data:



4. Choose viewing options; Progress Reports for a specific Staff person, or for every student in the School:



5. In the grid will be information on the status of Progress Reports for each Student:

Student Name 1	SIS Number	Grade T	Disability	Case Manager	Current T IEP T Date	Date the most current Progress Report was opener and started		This column is not
				l	08/27/2020	Progress Report	10/14/2020	
÷				1	03/31/2020	Progress Report	10/14/2020	

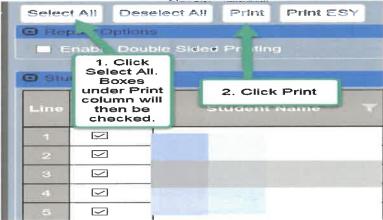
You may see blanks in the Progress Report Date column. If so, check the Current IEP Date. IEP may be very new, so no Progress has been reported yet:



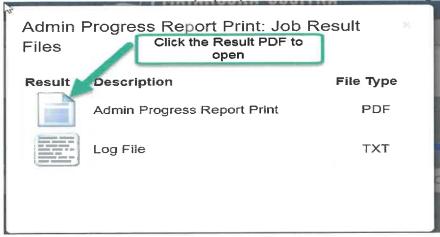
6. To preview or print a Progress Report for an individual student, click the box under the Print column in that student's gridline, then choose Print:



7. For an entire caseload or school, (dependent on the viewing filter options you choose in Number 4), use Select All to check Print for all gridlines:



The Job Result box will pop up. Click the Admin Progress Report PDF to open:



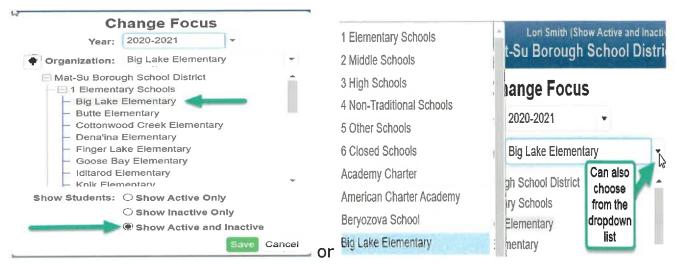
A copy of the most current Progress Report version will be generated for each student or all students, based on your Filter Option choices. The Report(s) can be printed if needed (there is the option to choose Double Sided under the Select All button).

For a random check for current Progress Report entries, scroll through the report and look for dates associated with the current quarter.

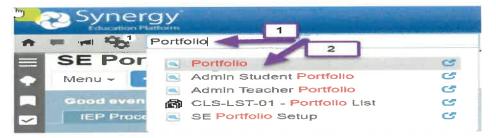
Pulling Data From the Portfolio

(Will include withdrawn students and Compliance Dates)

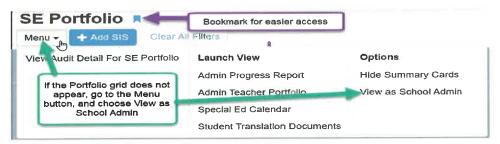
1. Focus to a specific school site by using either the expandable Focus list or the dropdown menu, then under Show Students choose Active and Inactive:



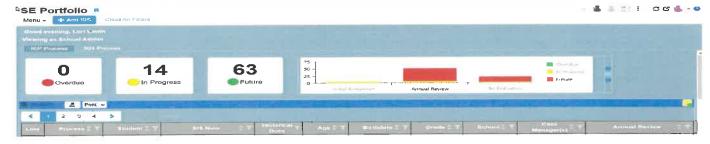
2. In the Quick Launch box type "Portfolio", and click the Portfolio page option in the list:



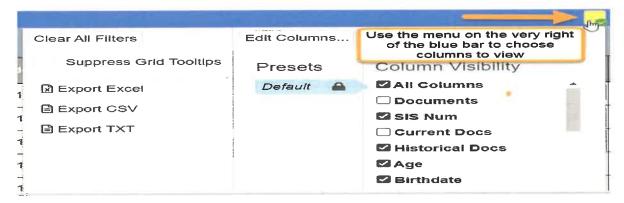
If Portfolio is not visible:



3. Portfolio will populate with student list and data for the school:



4. Choose the fields/columns you want to view in the grid:



5. Data in columns can be sorted and filtered, using the icons at the top of the columns:

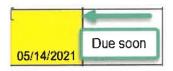


6. Once all fields are ready, choose Print, and the output type:

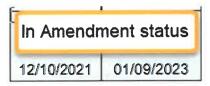


6. PDF will display the data in a grid form, with color coded alerts:

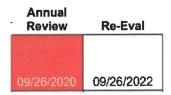
Yellow in the Annual Review and/or Re-Eval columns indicates upcoming dates:



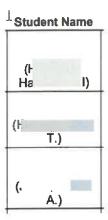
Blue across a student's gridline indicates an Amendment in process:



Red indicates overdue (most likely not Finalized):

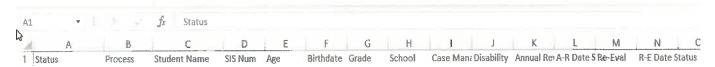


7. Any student who has been dropped or withdrawn will have parenthesis around the name:



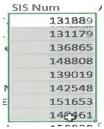
Check the Case Manager column:

- -If the Case Manager is not at your school, most likely the student had been at/enrolled at your school at some time this school year, but is now enrolled elsewhere.
- -If the Case Manager listed is at your school, check with them and the Registrar. The student will most likely need to be Exited from Synergy SE.
- 8. Excel will export to a traditional spreadsheet, which can be Sorted, Filtered, and columns and rows deleted as desired.



**Search tip when working with Excel and Synergy SE:

Highlight Student ID numbers in the spreadsheet:



Right click to Copy (Or use Ctrl C):



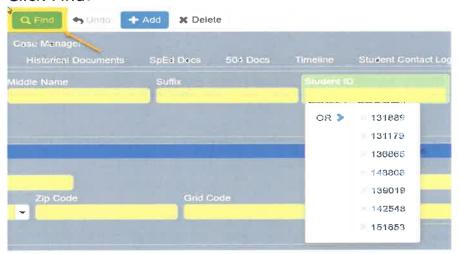
• Go to the SE Student screen in Synergy and click the magnifying glass:



Paste the series of numbers into the Student ID box



Click Find:



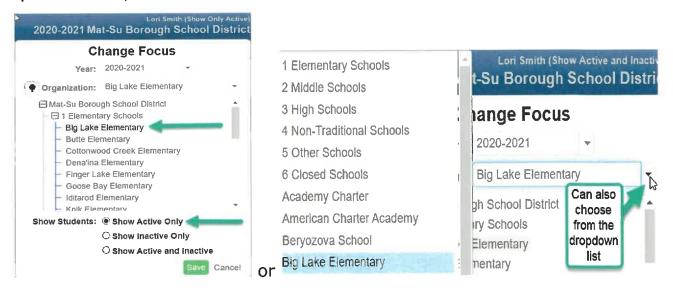
• A screen will generate with a grid showing all the students:



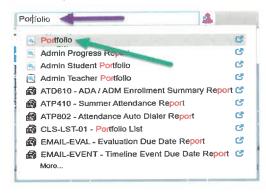
*If you have two screens, the grid can be on one screen, and SE Student page on the other, making it easy to go from student to student in the grid list.

Finding ECDD Students Turning 9

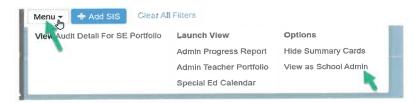
1. Focus to a specific school site by using either the expandable Focus list or the dropdown menu, then under Show Students choose Show Active Only, and click Save:



2. Start typing Portfolio into the Quick Launch box, then choose Portfolio:



3. If the Portfolio view does not appear, go to the Menu, and choose View as School Admin:



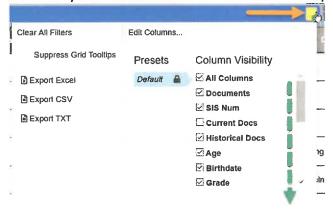
4. Once at the SE Portfolio appears, click the bookmark for easier access later, if using the bookmark feature:



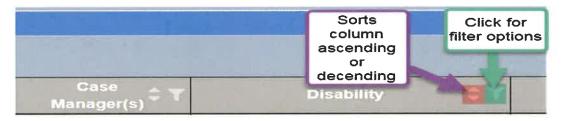
5. Locate the Disability Column in the Portfolio grid:



**If column is missing, find the Filter/Column menu button on the very right of the grid header. Hover over the yellow square and the options screen will pop up. Scroll to Disability and check the box to have it display in the grid:



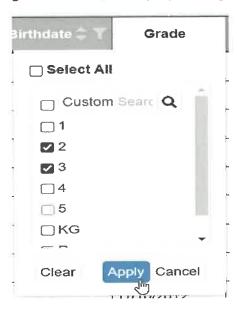
6. Click the Filter icon located on the right margin of the Disability column:



7. A box with all Disability options should open. Choose Early Childhood Developmental Delay, then click Apply. The grid will display all students with the category ECDD:

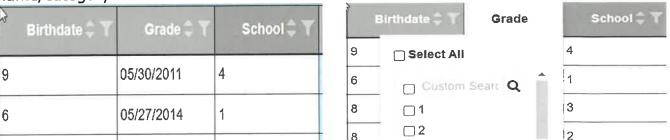


8. To further condense the list, go to the Grade column, click the Filter icon, and choose grade 2 and/or 3 (depending on your school population), and click Apply:

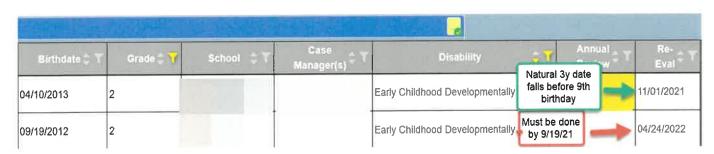


**Warning: the column names do not always display above the right data. The Grade column may not have the matching data in it, but the filter remains tied to that column

name/category:



9. Compare the Birthdates of those students with the dates in the Re-Eval column, and determine whether the evaluation due date will be the naturally occurring re-eval date, or is impacted by the 9th birthday.



Glossary

Additional Assessment

When a student is currently receiving special education services, and the team agrees that there needs to be further evaluation to determine necessity for specific additional services, an additional assessment is conducted. Case manager initiates these additional assessments.

Behavioral Intervention Plan

A behavioral intervention plan is a set of positive behavioral interventions and supports, along with other strategies, designed to assist a student whose behavior impedes his own learning or the learning of others. Although the IDEA requires districts to consider the need for PBIS when a student's behavior impedes learning, it provides limited guidance as to when a BIP is required and does not provide any guidance as to the format or content of a BIP.

Case Load Report

This is a report generated to list the Case Manager's current assigned students. This list generates student names only if focused to the specific school. If the report is run while focused to the District level, the students names and attending school will be listed.

Case Manager/504 Coordinator

This person is the manager of all paperwork, and is responsible for meeting all timelines in special education and for Section 504 Plans. Case Managers and 504 Coordinators have Synergy SE access to the students for whom they are designated the case manager.

Checklists

These are invaluable and required to be submitted with each packet of paperwork submitted to Records Technician. They will assist you in knowing that all components of your paperwork are complete.

Classroom Observation

The Classroom Observation form is part of the Referral Packet. The classroom observation date should be filled out after the parent signs the Consent to Evaluate form. A certified staff member, who is not the student's general education teacher, must complete the Classroom Observation form.

Compliance Date or the "90 Calendar Days"

Once a Consent to Evaluate form is signed by the parent and received by the district, the team has 90 calendar days to complete the evaluation and meet again to implement the IEP (Initial Evaluations and Additional Assessments). This includes in-service and parent teacher conference days and weekends. The Compliance Date is the date when the 90-calendar day deadline ends. The Records Technician will give the packet with the Compliance Date to all evaluators after the referral packet is processed.

District Representatives

District Representatives (Reps) are designated by the Director of Student Support Services or by the principal of each building.

District reps must meet the following criteria:

- > Be qualified to provide or supervise special education services.
- > Be knowledgeable about general curriculum.
- > Be able to commit district resources

Does Not Qualify (DNQ) (Initial Evaluation)

Does Not Qualify means the student is not eligible for services. When a student is evaluated for the first time and "does not qualify", the ESER must still be filled out, meeting held by the compliance date, and signatures obtained. A Written Notice is required.

Eligibility Categories

The Eligibility Categories and their requirements are specified on the State of Alaska Special Education website under the Alaska Special Education Handbook link:

http://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/Handbook.htm1

Each district in Alaska sets its own criteria for Learning Disability

ESER

Acronym for the Evaluation Summary and Eligibility Report. IEP Present Levels, Goals, and Services will be generated from the content of this report. The Needs and Recommendations of the ESER, found on the Summary/Participants tab, will drive the IEP content.

FAPE

Acronym for Free and Appropriate Public Education.

Foster Parent

If a child has been in the same foster home for a period of time, and it is reasonable to assume that the Office of Children's Services will not be moving the child to a different foster situation in the foreseeable future, then the foster parent may serve as the parent of a child for the purposes of special education. A Foster Parent Affirmation form should be completed by the guardian.

Functional Behavioral Assessment

The purpose of a functional behavioral assessment is to isolate a target behavior and to develop a hypothesis regarding the function of the target behavior. A target behavior is one that interferes with a student's ability to progress in the curriculum and to achieve the student's IEP goals. Once the target behavior is identified and the hypothesis developed, a positive behavior intervention plan can be prepared to address the target behavior with strategies and interventions, if necessary, or the target behavior can be addressed using a more informal approach.

Intensive Funding

Director of Student Support Services will make determinations of submission of students eligible for Intensive Funding. Student's services on IEP must meet all criteria as outlined in Alaska State Special Education Handbook.

Resource Specialists will work with special education providers to ensure that IEP meets all of these criteria. http://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/Handbook.html

Individual Education Program (IEP)

The document that establishes a student's goals, services, supports, and accommodations needed to address the qualifying service areas in the Needs and Recommendations in the ESER. IEPs are reviewed annually. A flag will show on the Portfolio when a student is currently receiving special education services and the IEP is due within 90 days. The date box will be highlighted yellow.

Intensive Needs Programs

These programs serve students with multiple disabilities, and typically students are educated through a collaborative team approach, with therapy goals and activities becoming part of their daily schedule. Staffing in programs with intensive needs typically approaches a one-to-one ratio.

Intensive Resource Programs

These programs are non-categorical, and provide IEP services to students who have more than minimal needs. Typically these students have more than 900 minutes per week on their IEPs. Students do not need to qualify for these programs, placement decisions are made based on a student's amount and type of services, by the IEP team.

At times, a teacher who is identified as a resource teacher may provide services to students who have more than minimal needs, depending on the building staffing and assignment made by the building administrator.

Learning Disability: Mat-Su Borough School District Criteria

Elementary (Grades K-5): Eligibility for Specific Learning Disability for student's grades k-5 will be determined using progress monitoring data, benchmark assessment data, individual achievement testing results, as well as classroom observation. This data will determine whether the student meets criteria by having a discrepancy in performance and also in rate of improvement, which is insufficient to close the gap of achievement between the student and a typical peer.

Secondary (Grades 6-12): Eligibility for Specific Leaning Disability for student's grades 6-12 will be determined by a severe discrepancy method; using individual achievement testing results, and cognitive assessment results to determine whether there is a discrepancy of at least 15 points.

Portfolio: The SE Portfolio provides a list of all Special Ed and Section 504 Plan students connected to a specific school. Focus must be set to the school, and not to the District level. Annual Review and Reevaluation due dates are displayed, and will be highlighted yellow to prompt that the item is close to coming due. Date boxes turn red if the date has passed and either the meeting was missed, or the paperwork has not been Finalized. Initial Evaluations will have blank due date boxes until the paperwork is Finalized.

Portfolio List: This report lists the Case Manager's current caseload, along with important dates such as IEP annual due dates, and reevaluation due dates.

Prior Written Notice – PWN:

Outdated naming convention and acronym for Written Notice. Other Districts may still use this term.

Progress Monitoring

Consistent, regular progress monitoring is required for all students receiving instruction in reading, writing, and math. Weekly progress monitoring is most often appropriate for students receiving instruction in reading and math between grades K-8. Students enrolled in Read 180 will receive progress monitoring with the use of program assessments. At time of initial referral to special education, a progress monitoring report is required as documentation of general education interventions, unless school psychologist determines it is not necessary.

Records Specialist

This person either works at the school or is assigned to several schools. He/she is there to make sure compliance dates are met, and all Special Ed and 504 Plan paperwork is completed correctly. He/she may also help with setting up IEP and 504 Plan meetings. Not all schools are assigned a Records Specialist.

Records Technician

This person works at Central Administration in the Student Support Services Department. He/she is assigned to your school, and is there to process referrals, send and/or obtain records, and make sure all the paperwork is completed correctly.

Related Service

When Speech-Language, OT, PT, Counseling, etc. are provided in addition to the academic support, it is a related service. Related services must be necessary for the student to benefit from his or her special education Program.

Resource Programs

These programs are non-categorical, and provide IEP services to students who have minimal to moderate needs. Typically these students have less than 900 minutes per week on their IEPs, and may include goals addressing academics, attention, and behavior. Students do not qualify for these programs, placement decisions are made based on a student's amount and type of services, by the IEP team.

Resource Specialist

Certified Resource Specialists, work out of the SSS department at Central Administration. This is the person you ask all questions of relating to, placement options/changes, program consultation, clarification of SPED legal issues, clarification of procedures, dispute resolution, etc. The Resource Specialist can answer questions about the paperwork, or provide guidance concerning difficult situations. In cases where a child requires several services and/or an intensive placement, it is advisable to have a resource specialist at the meeting.

Section 504 Accommodation Plan

A 504 plan is intended for children with disabilities who do not need or qualify for special education, but could benefit from accommodations and/or specialized help in school.

Secondary Transition

The IEP Team must view transition planning as the focus of the IEP during the IEP developed before the student is age 16. Transition planning is an integral component of the IEP, rather than a single or separate event in the IEP process. The IEP forms require IEP Teams to identify the student's desired post-school outcomes before proceeding to the other IEP components. Written permission to invite out-of-district agency staff must be obtained prior to IEP meeting.

Self-contained Programs

These programs are non-categorical, and provide services to students with a majority of their time in school needing to be modified from the general curriculum. Many of these students' IEP's focus on behavioral goals, or on life skills. Students do not qualify for these programs. Placement decisions are made based on a student's amount and type of services by the IEP team.

Special Education Service

These are described in the IEP, Section 10. Academic supports and Adapted PE are always special education services, not related services. Special education services must be necessary for the student to benefit from his or her Regular Educational Program.

Speech Language Impairment

Students identified with a Speech or Language Impairment may have deficits on areas such as articulation, phonology, or functional communication.

Speech and Language Services

Speech-Language Services is the only service that can be either a special education or a related service. Under certain circumstances to be approved by the Director of Student Support Services, a related service may be the only service a child receives (i.e. OT, PT). This would then be considered the special education service for that student.

Student Support Services (SSS)

Includes Special Education and 504 Accommodation Plans. Student Support Services is located at the Central Administration building, 501 N. Gulkana, Palmer, AK 99645. All requests for Special Education and 504 Plan records are processed through Student Support Services.

Surrogate Parent

In some situations, children may be residing with adults other than parents and relatives who are not filling the role of foster parent. In these unique situations, a surrogate parent must represent the child. Relatives may be considered as potential surrogates and be appointed. All potential surrogate parents must undergo mandated training with the district. The Director of Student Support Services appoints all Surrogate Parents.

Three-Year Re-Evaluations

A flag will show on the Portfolio when a student is currently receiving special education services, and three-year evaluation is due within 90 days. The date box will be highlighted yellow. *If cognitive testing is required for their eligibility category, then a cognitive test must have been administered within the last six years*. If the student is evaluated and doesn't qualify, the student is exited from Special Ed as No Longer Eligible.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Results of these screenings are to be documented on the referral form, not on the ESER. These are performed by the school nurse, and do not require parent consent. Exception will be Childfind ESERS.

Working Files

Working Files are the student files kept at the student's school and maintained by that building staff.

Written Notice (WN)

IDEA requires that the district provide the parent with a Written Notice any time the district proposes or refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or IEP. This WN is to reflect what action will occur following the IEP meeting; not what will occur at the meeting.

