

Memo 10/2/13

Special Education Directors/Contacts –

We have received many emails and telephone calls regarding the secondary disability field and the secondary disability field for related services. We are sharing this information with you in hopes of providing clarification and assisting with the October 1 Child Count.

We are beginning to collect data for the following elements:

- Primary Disability
- Secondary Disability
- Related Services

These data elements must be collected no later than the 2015-16 school year.

Please consider the following as you begin collecting these data elements:

1. OSDE Forms

The MEEGS Form now contains fields for both primary disability and secondary disability. As you complete initial evaluations and reevaluations consider all data elements.

2. Data Collection and Population

The data you currently collect should be addressed in the appropriate data field. If you have not previously collected each data element, please begin to do so as you complete initial evaluations and reevaluations. By the 2015-16 School Year, these data elements must be documented on each student.

SEAS prepopulated the secondary disability data field with data currently documented in the secondary disability for related services field. **If you prefer that the secondary disability field not be prepopulated, contact Cynthia Valenzuela at 521-4872 or Cynthia.Valenzuela@sde.ok.gov or Jill Burroughs at jill.burroughs@seasweb.net no later than Monday, October 8th.**

3. Secondary Disability Category and Related Services

Secondary Disability: When a student meets eligibility requirements for more than one disability category, the evaluator/ eligibility team member must determine which category best describes the student's overall disability. This would be the primary disability. The secondary disability would be the remaining disability category where eligibility was met, but does not describe the overall student as well as the other disability category. This is not for related services.

Related Services: See 34 CFR 300.34 for a list of all related services. This data field will be expanded to include all related services. Currently, not all related services are listed and you are only able to select one option. In the near future, this data field will allow you to select multiple related services provided to a student.