ICAP FOR STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT NEEDS

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This Guidance Brief is provided to assist districts in meeting the Individual Career and Academic Planning (ICAP) graduation requirements for students who participate in the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP). It does not address all of the Secondary Transition requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The ICAP complements the Transition Plan in the Individualized Education Program (IEP), but does not replace the Secondary Transition requirements under the IDEA. IEP teams are responsible for providing transition services in the areas of education/training, employment, and independent living and community participation, if appropriate.

ICAPs for students with disabilities shall take into account and work in cooperation with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. (70 O.S. 1210.508-4)

Students with significant support needs who participate in the OAAP still participate in the ICAP as part of graduation requirements with appropriate accommodations/ modifications determined by the IEP team.

Districts may develop their own documentation procedures to ensure ICAP participation for a student participating in the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) if the IEP team decides that the district's electronic tool is inappropriate for the student. It must include the required ICAP components and be separate from the IEP.

ICAP Requirements

Career and College Interest Surveys

IEP teams may use appropriate transition assessments in place of the assessments in their preferred ICAP tool or ePortfolio system. For example, the Kuder Career Interests Assessment (located within the OK Career Guide) and the Interest Profiler (located within OK College Start) are fairly lengthy, require a lot of reading, contain difficult vocabulary and may not be appropriate for a student with a significant cognitive disability. Therefore, the student may take a pictorial career interest inventory instead of an electronic career interest inventory located within the ICAP tools. The Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services (OSDE-SES) recommends that the students still have an account in the district's preferred electronic portfolio system (i.e. OK College Start, OK Career Guide, or other) and students' Postsecondary Goals, Workforce Goals, and other activities continue to be housed within one of the ICAP tools unless the IEP determines otherwise. The special education teacher and/or others who will be assisting the student with the assessments should complete the "Secondary Transition Assessments for Students with Moderate to Significant Disabilities" Pepper Module located within OK EDPlan or a similar training. The following resources are provided as a partial list of career interest inventories and career exploration tools for students with significant support needs. It is up to the IEP team to determine if they are appropriate based on students' unique needs.

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Pictorial Interest Inventories and Career Exploration Tools

- Career Interest Inventory Pictorial Version
- Career Onestop Career Awareness and Exploration Videos
- Employment Support Indicators
- Kuder Galaxy
- Pulos' Career Assessment & Exploration Tool Kit (P-CAET)

Postsecondary and Workforce Goals

The ICAP process is student-centered and includes input from their family. The results of the career interest surveys are used to assist in the development of the postsecondary and workforce goals. There should be alignment between the ICAP postsecondary and workforce goals and the postsecondary goals in the transition plan of the IEP. Click on the link below for an example.

> ICAP IEP Example

Intentional Sequence of Courses

There should be alignment in the intentional sequence of courses in the ICAP and the course of study in the IEP. Click on the link below for more information about the course of study.

> <u>Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Significant Support Needs</u>

Academic Progress

Students' academic progress must be monitored (including courses taken, assessment scores from the OAAP, any remediation, credit recovery, etc.) using their transcript, IEP, including their Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP), progress towards IEP goals and objectives, and any other relevant data. The PLAAFP describes the level at which students are working academically and functionally. The OAAP utilizes the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment System to measure academic content knowledge of students with significant cognitive disabilities.

> Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP)

In-Service Learning and/or Work Environment Activities

All students, including students with disabilities, must complete at least one service learning and/or work environment (work-based learning) activity between ninth grade and graduation. We encourage districts to provide work-based learning (WBL) opportunities and to develop inclusive WBL and serving learning programs to foster engagement of all youth.

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- > Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Programs
- OK Edge: Sample Activities for Service and Work-Based Learning and Information on Student Work Permits
- > Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

ICAP Resources for Students with Disabilities

The OSDE has developed resources to help students with disabilities succeed in life after high school. Visit the <u>OK Edge</u> for more information and to access the resources listed below:

> ICAP Resources for Students with Disabilities

Resources for Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Significant Support Needs

- > <u>LifeCourse Tools for Person Centered Planning</u>
- > Oklahoma's Secondary Transition Handbook
- > OU Zarrow Institute
- Secondary Transition Assessments for Students with Moderate to Significant Disabilities Pepper Module located within OK EDPlan
- > Secondary Transition Planning for Students with Significant Support Needs Folder
 - Slide Decks and Resources
 - Link to the Recording
- > Oklahoma Autism Network: Lifespan Support

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