

Early Childhood Outcomes FAQ

1. What are ECOs/COSFs?

Early Childhood Outcome (ECOs) forms or Childhood Outcome Summary Forms (COSFs) are those required by the Office of Special Education Programs for all students ages 0-6 receiving special education services. These forms track the progress made from entry into and exit from early intervention and /or early childhood programs.

2. Do I have to complete ECOs for all students under 6?

Yes, you must complete all the Early Childhood Outcome forms for all students with special needs birth through age 6, regardless of category.

3. When do I fill them out?

Upon the child's entry to and exit from your program.

4. What measurements can I use to determine the ratings?

Best practice is to use at least two measurements. These may include: diagnostic testing such as the Battelle Developmental Inventory, yearly assessments such as the Brigance, and should include input from parents/caregivers, teacher(s) and therapist(s).

5. How are the ratings determined?

The numbers used to rate the child are based on typical child development. When you are rating a 4 year-old, compare their functioning to a typically developing 4 year-old's functioning.

