

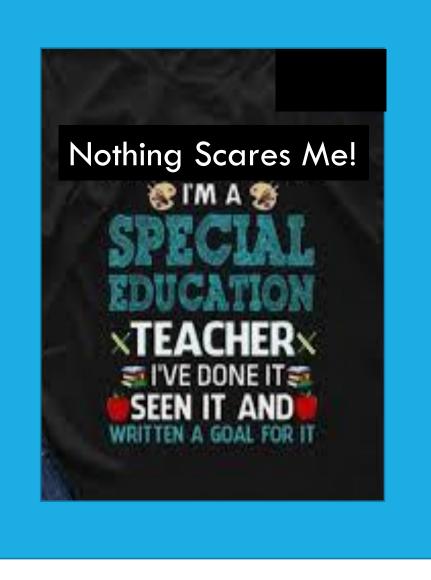
SPECIAL EDUCATION

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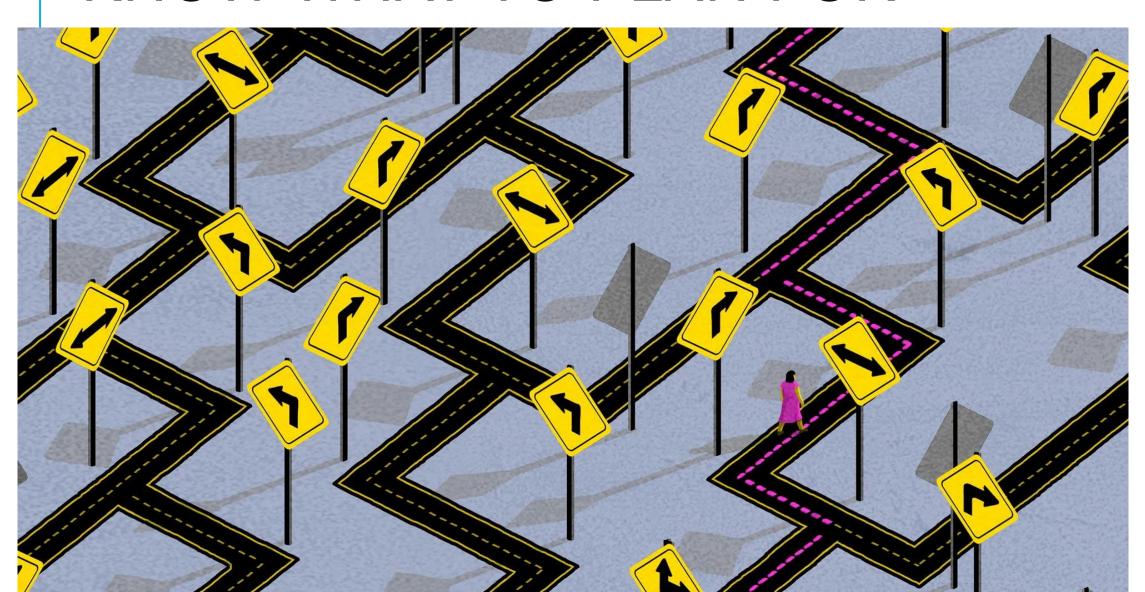
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HOW TO PLAN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO PLAN FOR





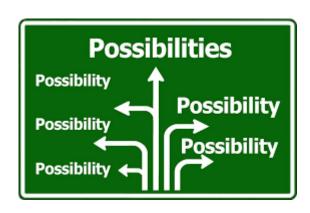
DEVELOP FLEXIBLE PLANS— "CONTINGENCY PLANS"

As special education teachers and related service individuals—

we are planners-All we can do is plan for ALL of the

"what ifs" through a contingency plan documenting options:

- Traditional service delivery
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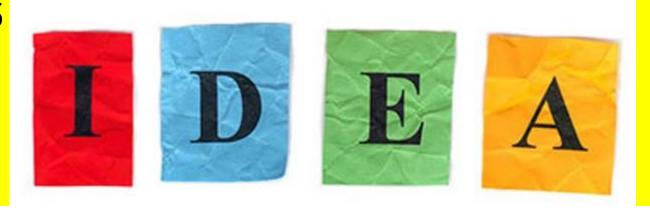


"FAPE is determined individually based on a complex intertwining of concepts, meaning that <u>FAPE will look</u> different for each student. Methods to meet FAPE requirements may vary depending on the instructional delivery model determined by LEAs. The substantive standard to determine the adequacy of a student's IEP and provision of services thereunder requires the IEP to be <u>"reasonably</u> calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child's circumstances. Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District RE-1, 137 S.Ct. 988 (2017)."



Is the student able to receive FAPE solely through virtual or distance learning?

IDEA Federal Regulations Section 300.114 (2)(i) LRE requirements



National Association of State Directors of Special Education stated, "Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) is determined by a student's IEP team and is based on the defining principles of special education law and the presumption that general education environment with non-disabled peers is the first choice for educating all individuals with disabilities."

Our targeted goal is placing our students with disabilities in the same environment "to the maximum extent appropriate" are educated with children who are non-disabled.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 300.106 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES

- (a) General.
- (1) Each public agency must ensure that extended school year services are available as necessary to provide FAPE, consistent with paragraph (a)(2) of this section.
- (2) Extended school year services must be <u>provided only if a child's IEP Team determines</u>, on an individual basis, in accordance with §§300.320 through 300.324, that the <u>services are necessary for the provision of FAPE</u> to the child.
- (3) In implementing the requirements of this section, a public agency may not—
- (i) Limit extended school year services to particular categories of disability; or
- (ii) Unilaterally limit the type, amount, or duration of those services.

WHERE IS THE GENERAL EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT

Exact same lesson for Group A & B within same week—Therefore, **no educational benefit**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	
vveek	Group Remote Off Days					
1	Group A	Group A		Group B	Group B	
2	Group A	Group A		Group B	Group B	
3	Group A	Group A		Group B	Group B	
4	Group A	Group A		Group B	Group B	
5	Group A	Group A		Group B	Group B	

WHAT IF A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY NEEDS MORE THAN 2 TIMES A WEEK FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION



DATA FROM LAST SPRING

Baseline data was taking the week of April 6th to April 10th to help write progress reports at the end of the school year on May 13, 2020. This snap shot of the five and a half weeks will provide the team information regarding how many days the student will be able to align their schedule to their same grade peers or if they will need more in-person instruction.



DIRECT INSTRUCTION---SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTING--VIRTUAL

Group A

Monday & Tuesday



Wednesday

- Checking on Monitor only students
- Progress
 Monitoring
- Lesson Plans
- > PLC meetings

Thursday & Friday





THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ONE SIZE FITS ALL







IEP ADDENDUMS--

Require the following 4 positions:
Parent
Special Ed Teacher
General Ed Teacher
Administrator

IEP team makes the determination to type, amount and duration of services

NOT required to do all Subsequent IEPs, but if the IEP is due in August, September or October would recommend a Subsequent IEP.



WRITTEN NOTICE

If the IEP Addendums are completed now with "Contingency Plans" then we will not have to have IEP meetings each time it changes from A/B Model to Total Virtual back to A/B Model or back to Traditional----Including if a student is exposed to COVID or gets sick.

Send a Written Notice at that time the contingency plan goes into effect, noting the specific dates the contingency plan will be in effect.



WRITTEN NOTICE TO PARENTS

ame of Child: Test Test	State Testing Number:	Birthdate: 09/03/2003
	TEST1234STN	

Age: 16 Grade: 2nd Grade District/Agency: Edmond Public

Schools

Date: 08/07/2020 To: Parent

This notice is to inform you of the school district's intent as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: ✓ PROPOSED **or** ☐ REFUSED

To ☑ initiate and/or ☐ change the following:

Identification of your child as having a disability which requires special education services	

Evaluation/Reevaluation to determine disability and nature, extent of special education and related services needed

☐ Educational placement/services

□ Provision of a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

□ Parent Revocation of Consent

Other Contingency Plan B - School Closure - IEP Services

1. Explanation and Rationale of the proposal or refusal:

School personnel proposed various contingency plans in August to assist the team in making advanced decisions regarding changes to placement, type, amount and duration of services. The EPS School Board announced school closure and will begin on XYZ date. Therefore, "Contingency Plan B" will go into effect immediately starting tomorrow.

Please refer to the IEP Services page where Contingency Plan B was described in detail, along with progress monitoring and how we will communicate during this school closure. TEST TEST will now receive 3 times a week direct instruction for basic reading skills in a special education setting-virtual in a group instruction. As a reminder you signed consent for your child to participate with other students in a reading group through a virtual meeting that will be live. An email will go out with this Written Notice regarding dates and specific times for your child's scheduled special education services.

2. Description of any options considered and reasons refused:

The team has the option to call an immediate IEP team meeting to discuss any concerns or make changes to the contingency plan. However, this contingency plan was agreed upon by the parent in advance of school closure and this IEP change is currently able to be implemented immediately without an IEP meeting.

3. Description of each evaluation procedure, test, record, or report used as a basis for the proposed or refused

IEP, Progress monitoring data, parent input and school personnel input

4. Description of any other factors relevant to the proposal or refusal:

CONTINGENCY PLAN—CHANGES IN EDPLAN

- Special Factors
- Services
- Related Services
- Informed Parental Consent

SPECIAL FACTORS

Describe any assistive technology that may be necessary in order to implement any services or supports that are part of the Contingency Plan:

For example: OT's sending home fine motor kit, iPad or Chromebook sent home,

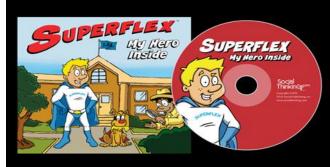
Describe any behavioral supports that may be necessary as part of the Contingency Plan:

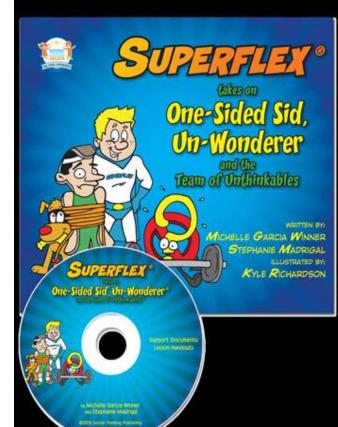
For example: Behavior Intervention Plan has been updated with reinforcement with high frequency the first two weeks for getting online to complete assignments. Include the home environment in the BIP

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT ONLINE

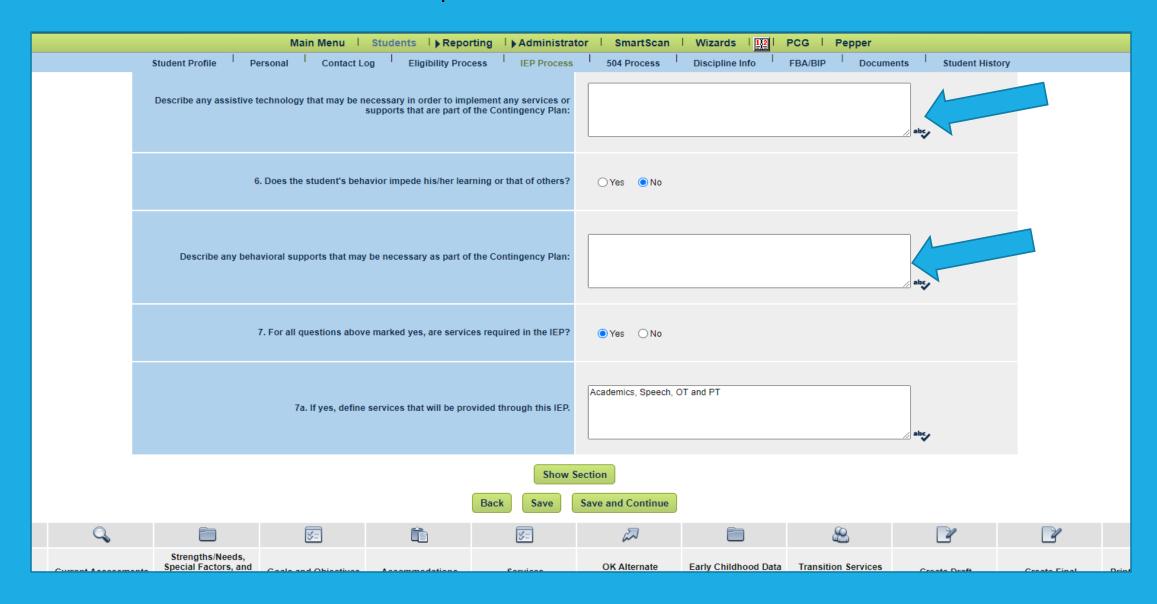
Examples of behavioral supports that could be implemented in the home include motivation for remote instruction, parent/caregiver behavioral coaching, or coaching and support around interventions such as:

- "first, then choice boards,"
- >activity schedules,
- > functional communication strategies,
- implementation of reinforcement contingencies, etc.
- A list of social and emotional learning (SEL) activities for the student and family





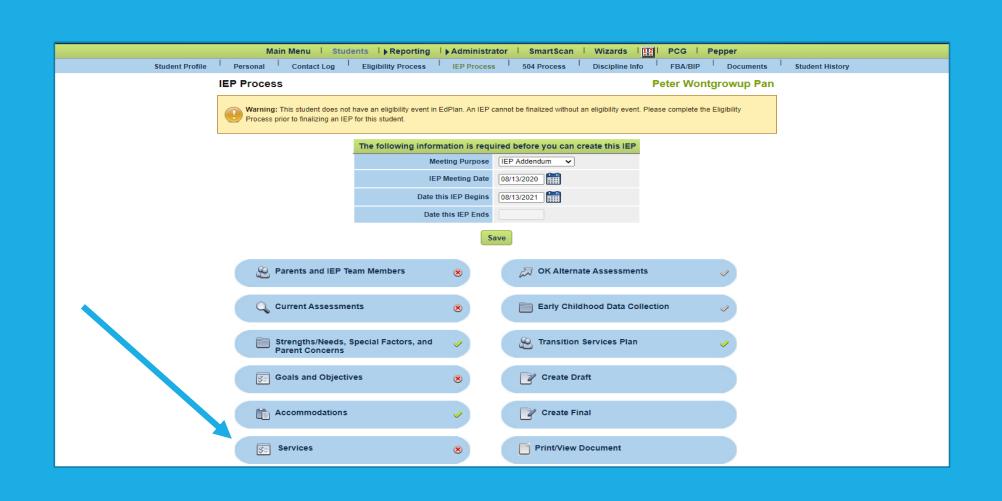
2 Additional Special Factors Added to the Area of the IEP



SERVICES/RELATED SERVICES——PLACEMENT LOCATION OF SERVICES

- Options for <u>virtual</u> or <u>distance</u> services in the general education and special education setting have been added to the 'Location' drop list.
 - •<u>Virtual</u>: The service is provided on a virtual platform (i.e. Google Meets/Hangout).
 - •<u>Distance</u>: The service is not provided virtually, but through instructional packets or something similar like email or phone call.

SERVICE TAB



DESCRIBE IN DETAIL EACH OPTION

plan documenting options:

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START WITH THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FIRST

Write out the contingency plan first then go back up to Services and Related Services to add the time/frequency/dates of services.

Contingency Plan Details

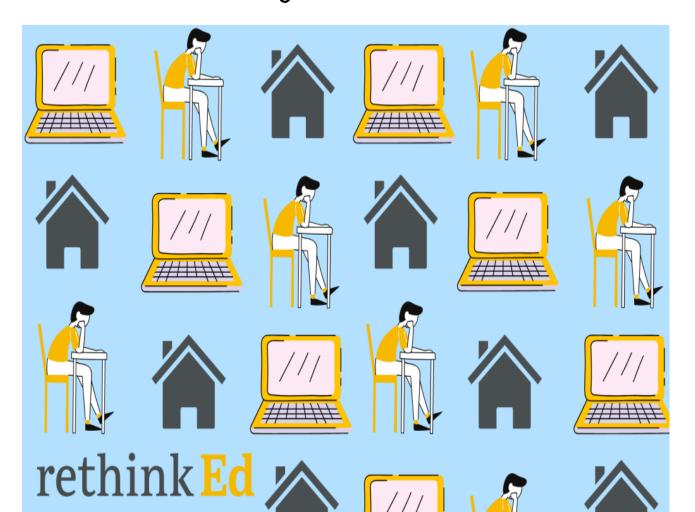
A section to document details of the contingency plan has been added to the Services page.

Contingency Plan				
This confingency plan may be put into effect upon site or district building closure, or may be initiated by the IEP team, including the parent, in the event of health/medical reasons, or other reason (if other, please specify). The school district will provide a written notice to parents at the time, noting the specific dates the contingency plan will be in effect. The Contingency Plan may need to be modified under some circumstances as determined by the IEP team.				
Contingency Plan Details				
Describe how services will be provided:				
Describe how progress will be monitored:	***			
Describe how communication will take place between the school and the parent[s]:				
Describe any other considerations (including supplementary aids and supports, accommodations, assistive technology, behavioral interventions, etc.):				



IS HOME INSTRUCTION AN OPTION

Yes it is an option but the law does not describe it as in-person or virtually. We will only provide home instruction through a virtual means due to COVID



Question A-2: Must an LEA provide special education and related services to a child with a disability who is absent for an extended period of time because the child is infected with COVID-19, while the schools remain open?

Answer: Yes. It has long been the U.S. Department of Education's position that when a child with a disability is classified as needing homebound instruction because of a medical problem, as ordered by a physician, and is home for an extended period of time (generally more than 10 consecutive school days), an individualized education program (IEP) meeting is necessary to change the child's placement and the contents of the child's IEP, if warranted. Further, if the IEP goals will remain the same and only the time in special education will change, then the IEP Team may add an amendment to the IEP stating specifically the amount of time to be spent in special education. If a child with a disability is absent for an extended period of time because of a COVID-19 infection and the school remains open, then the IEP Team must determine whether the child is available for instruction and could benefit from homebound services such as online or virtual instruction, instructional telephone calls, and other curriculum-based instructional activities, to the extent <u>available.</u> In so doing, school personnel should follow appropriate health guidelines to assess and address the risk of transmission in the provision of such services. The Department understands there may be exceptional circumstances that could affect how a particular service is provided. If a child does not receive services after an extended period of time, a school must make an individualized determination whether and to what extent compensatory services may be needed, consistent with applicable requirements, including to make up for any skills that may have been lost.

DESCRIBE HOW SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED

Example One----Direct Instruction

Contingency Plan A:

A/B Blended Model: All general education students will attend school 2 days a week and are remote the other 3 days of the week.

Johnny will attend school 2 days a week with students who are non-disabled accessing his general education time. He will receive direct instruction for basic reading skills 2 times a week for 35 mins in a special education setting in a group instruction.

He will receive direct instruction for basic reading skills 2 times a week for 20 mins in a special education setting-virtual in a group instruction.

Contingency Plan B:

School Closure: Either EPS School Board or the State Board of Education closes school and all general education students are educated from home though a general education setting-virtual

Johnny will receive direct instruction for basic reading skills and spelling 3 times a week for 20 mins in a special education setting-virtual in a group instruction

DESCRIBE HOW SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED

Contingency Plan C:

COVID Exposure-Quarantine for 14 days

Monitoring $2 \times a$ week for $10 \times by = ail/phone special education setting-Distance$

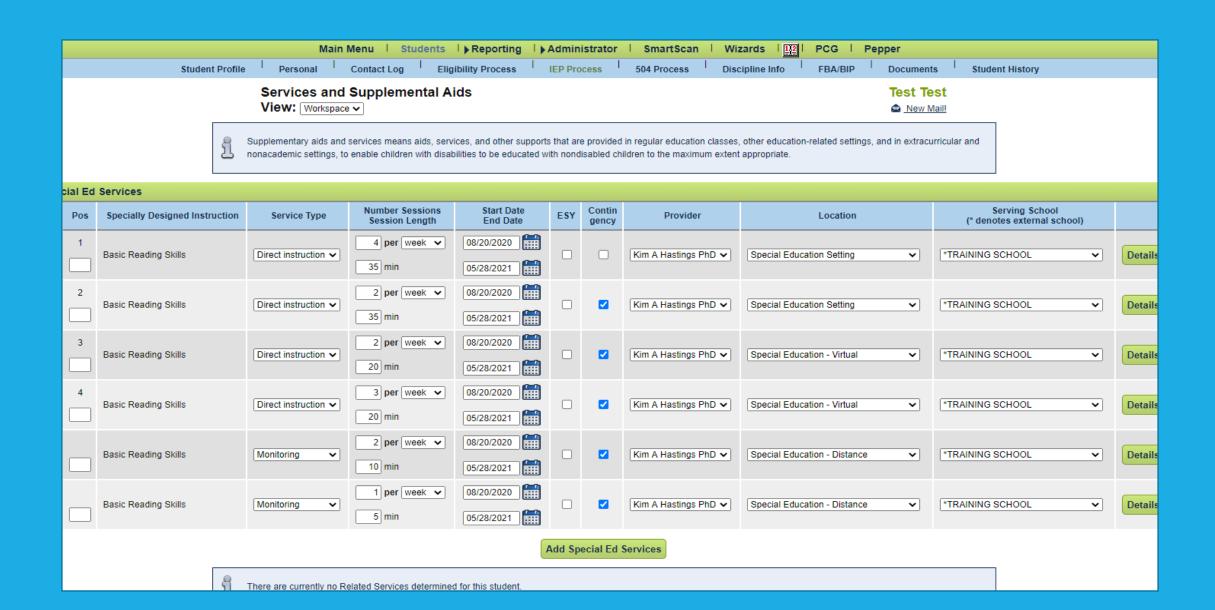
Direct instruction for basic reading and spelling 3 time a week for 20 mins in a special education setting-Virtual in a group instruction

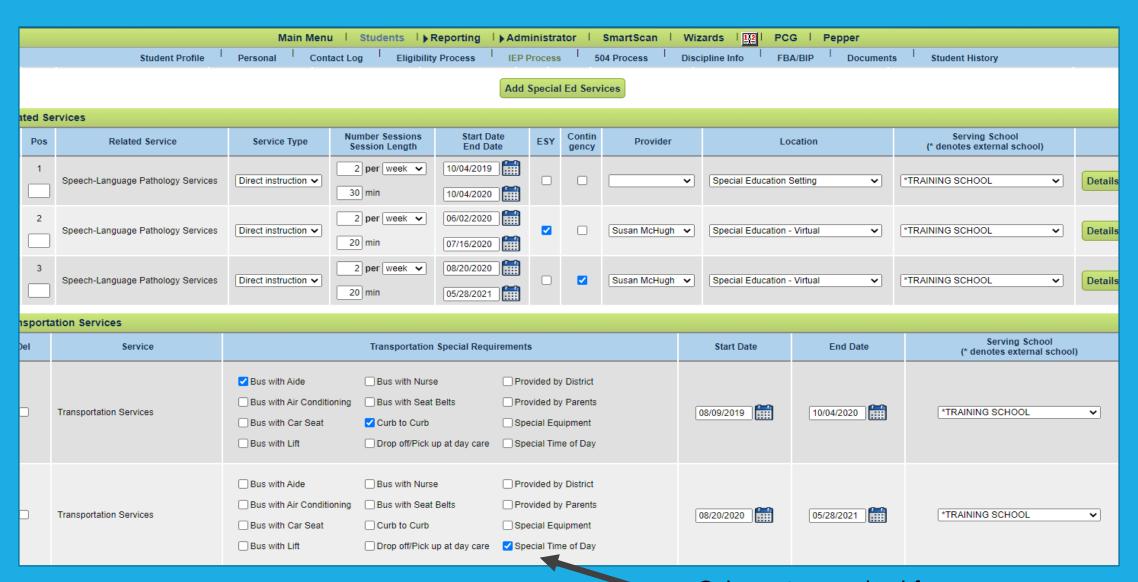
Contingency Plan D:

Student is positive for COVID and will have an extensive absence from school

Monitor 1 x a week for 5 mins by email/phone special education setting-Distance

Direct instruction for basic reading and spelling 3 times a week for 15 mins in a special education setting-Virtual individualized





Only coming to school for a special ed service

Under the related services and transportation is another optional box to provide a description of virtual/distance learning services provided as part of the annual IEP. This might be where the SLP describes the use of an interactive platform that will help keep the student engaged.

Virtual/Distance Learning Services

Provide additional information, if necessary, to describe any services provided through Special Education - Virtual or Special Education - Distance that are not part of the contingency plan.



	Main Menu	Students ▶ Reportin	ng	tor SmartScan	Wizards 🔢	PCG Pepper		
Student Profile	Personal Contact				Discipline Info	FBA/BIP Docume		tory
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Contingency Plan								
This contingency plan may be put into effect determined by the IEP team.	upon site or district building closu The school district will provide a							me circumstances as
Contingency Plan Details								
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DESCRIBE HOW PROGRESS WILL BE **MONITORED**

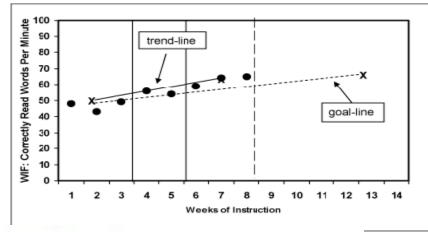
How are the goals being measured

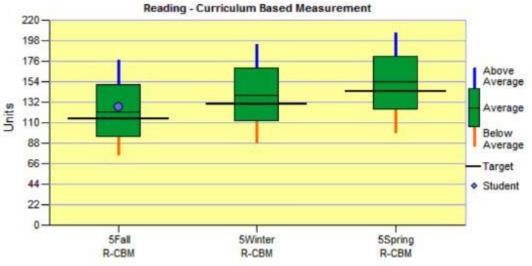
Common Formative Assessments

Curriculum Based Measurement-AIMSwebPlus

Curriculum quizzes/work samples







DESCRIBE HOW COMMUNICATION WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT(S)

Communicate through email or phone calls

Monthly pacing calendar



DESCRIBE ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS AND SUPPORTS, ACCOMMODATIONS, ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS, ETC

This box is optional and would only address if there were additional supports needed for the special education setting for virtual or distance for AT or behavior, etc.

This information is also listed under Special Factors

Consent for Release of Confidential Information Found under "Documents" in EdPlan

- The Consent for Release of Information document will now also allow you to enter information on the page which will then print on the document.
- Consent for Release of Confidential Information is required before sending the Referral Letter to DRS.



Consent for Release of Confidential Information Snapshot

Consent for Release of Information

Authorized Person:	 □ QUARDIAN □ LEGAL CUSTODIAN	□ on+ex
Name of Person or Agency Releasing Information:		
Street Address of Person or Agency Releasing Information:		
Name/Agency information is to be released to:		
Address of Name/Agency Information is to be released to:		
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Information to be released:		
Purpose of release of information:		



VIRTUAL MEETINGS—SHARE SCREEN OF DOCUMENT

During the meeting, introduce all team members and designate a team member to take notes. Take a moment to let everyone say a quick hello to create open lines of communication from the start. It is of the utmost importance to communicate clearly and ensure that the parents of the student and the IEP team members are on the same page regarding the student's goals and progress. Discuss supports and next steps that are needed for continued progress and new annual goals. If these goals, strengths, and weaknesses are not discussed and vocalized, they sometimes go unaddressed and potential progress is limited. Ask questions and get feedback from the parent about what worked and did not work last spring. Also, obtain feedback from the IEP related services of what worked and did not work last spring regarding the student's engagement, and progress--as well as how we will address the student's needs.

EMAIL AS CONSENT IS LEGAL

Make certain to upload the email when the parent replies back that they are in agreement with the IEP. Make certain all school personnel sign the IEP or MEEGS.

If using Zoom you can share screen and have the parent sign using their mouse when you create a draft document and prior to finalizing it. Google Meets currently does not have this feature.

Parents can also print and sign the IEP page, then take a picture and then email the picture of the signature page back to us.

Informed Parental Consent

 A statement regarding the contingency plan has been added to the information under Informed Parent Consent.

Parent(s) have participated in the development of the Contingency Plan in place for the student and understand under what circumstances it will go into effect



Box shows up when Create Draft is selected and when the Contingency boxes are checked throughout the IEP.



CONSENT FOR VIRTUAL GROUP INSTRUCTION



TRANSPORTATION

As soon as the IEP is completed Go to the Transportation Google form link to complete the form in order to know if curb-to-curb transportation is necessary 2 days, or 3 days or 4 days or 5 days a week



Link to electronic form:

https://forms.gle/JRDNnXMxRif4wP2W8

Changes to the Service Page In EdPlan Is this student's instructional week the same length as nondisabled peers?



THE SHORTENED DAY

Service Page Additions

- If a decision is made to shorten a student's instructional day, additional information is now required on the IEP service page.
 - Area of concern: health/medical, behavior, or other
 - A description of the re-integration plan
 - Date of next team meeting
- Shortening a student's instructional day should only occur when the IEP team has determined that it is required to address the student's unique disability-related needs.



Shortened Day: Behavior

s this student's instructional week the same length as nondisabled peers?				
○ Yes ● No				
If no, what is the total length of the student's instructional week?	HR MIN			
If no, describe below the reason(s) for a shortened school week:				
The concern described is due to:	Health/Medical Behavioral Other			
Please describe the reintegration plan to increase the student's instructional week to the same length as nondisabled peers.				
Date of the next team meeting to review progress towards plan:				



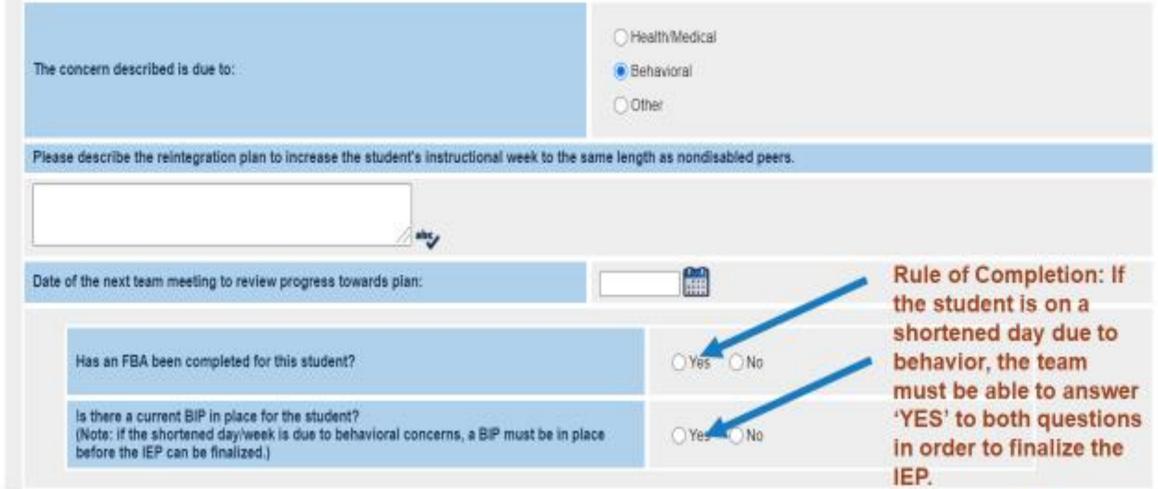
Shortened Day for Behavior

- If an IEP team determines it is appropriate to shorten a student's day due to behavior, the team must have on file a completed Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and a current Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) for the student.
 - Shortening a student's day should never be used as a disciplinary action.

 You will not be able to finalize the IEP unless the team documents that an FBA has been completed and a current BIP is in place.



Shortened Day: Behavior





REVIEW OF EXISTING DATA

Review of Existing Data Page (REDs) Added the following section:

- •Health/Medical Section A Health/Medical section has been added to the Review of Existing Data page to allow for the documentation of any health/medical information that may be pertinent for the student. This information can now be included in the Review of Existing Data document. Information entered in the Health/Medical section on the Review of Existing Data page will transfer to the Health/Medical section on the Evaluations page, and vice versa.
- •Electronic Signature Electronic signature has been added to the Review of Existing Data document. Signature lines will be displayed on the Review of Existing Data after a draft document that is free of errors has been created. Signature lines will display for the parent(s), special education teacher, general education teacher, administrative representative, qualified examiner, and other attendee.



