



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

[March 11, 2014](#)

810 First Street, NE
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
5:30pm – 7:30pm

and

[March 13, 2014](#)

810 First Street, NE
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
1:30pm – 3:30pm

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Early Learning (DEL), will hold public hearings to discuss a proposed policy entitled “Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education: Extended IFSP Option for Children Age 3 to Age 4 Policies and Procedures.”

The proposed policies will be posted for a 60 day public comment period commencing Friday, February 7, 2014 and closing Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Two public hearings will be held. The first hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2014 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. The second and final hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2014 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. All comments received by 5:00pm Tuesday, April 8, 2014 will be considered.

The following summaries provide an overview of the proposed policies. Please note that this overview is provided for informational purposes only and highlights some key elements of the policies. Persons are encouraged to read the proposed policies in full.

The [proposed EARLY INTERVENTION AND PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: EXTENDED IFSP OPTION FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 TO AGE 4 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES](#):

- Establishes procedures for the state option to extend Part C early intervention services beyond age three if the child is determined eligible for services under Part B of IDEA;
- Specifies responsibilities between Part C and Part B programs;



- Clarifies the differences between services received under Part C and Part B pre-school special education;
- Sets forth requirements related to funding, monitoring, and reporting.

Persons wishing to review the proposed policies may also access them [here](#) on the OSSE webpage at osse.dc.gov under Division of Early Learning – Early Learning Resources, Regulations and Reports. This proposed policy, as well as all of OSSE’s early learning policies and regulations are located on the [Early Learning Resources, Regulations and Reports page](#).

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearing should contact David Harper, EI Specialist, at 202-741-8941 or by e-mail at david.harper@dc.gov, no later than 5:00pm on Friday, March 7, 2014, to be added to the witness list for the public hearing scheduled for the Tuesday, March 11, 2014 hearing or no later than 5:00 pm Monday, March 10, 2014 for the hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014. An individual presenting will be limited to five (5) minutes in an effort to allow all individuals an opportunity to be heard. Individuals representing an organization will be limited to a total presentation time of seven (7) minutes scheduled for each public hearing.

Individuals and organizations wishing to submit comments as part of the official record should send copies of the comments and any written testimony and statements no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 for the proposed policies to:

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c/o Kerda DeHaan, Special Assistant, IDEA Part C
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810 1st St. NE - 5th Floor Washington, DC 20002
or
email to osse.publiccomment@dc.gov

Individuals who do not register with OSSE prior to the hearing may testify on a first-come first-serve basis as time permits within the timeframes announced for each hearing. On-site assistance with registration will be available prior to each hearing.

Individuals may request an accommodation for a physical disability or language access in order to participate in the public hearing by contacting David Harper no later than 2:00pm on Thursday, March 6, 2014, to be added to the witness list for the public hearing scheduled for the Tuesday, March 11, 2014 hearing or no later than 2:00 pm Monday, March 10, 2014 for the hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 public hearing.