

# LEA Special Education Point of Contact Monthly Webinar April 21, 2021

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The LEA Special Education Point of Contact Monthly Webinar will begin momentarily.

A copy of today's presentation is available for download through Go To Webinar. To access, expand the 'Handouts' menu.

### Agenda

- Introduction
- Policy Reminders and Updates
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Monitoring Reminders and Updates
- Nonpublic Updates
- SEDS Updates
- Child Outcome Summary (COS) Updates
- Transportation Updates
- Announcements & Reminders





**Policy Reminders and Updates** 

## Coming Soon: SY2021-22 Early Access to Students with Disabilities Data Application

Gives LEAs timely and appropriate access to information for pre-enrolled students with disabilities after the end of the current school year and prior to the start of the next school year.

Access is available to the below eSchoolPLUS POCs:

- LEA Data Managers
- Heads of School
- Principals
- Special Education POCs
- Pre-K Special Education POCs
- Early Childhood Transition Coordinators

The application, available **April 28, 2021**, is updated daily and reflects changes in enrollment.



## Early Access to Students with Disabilities Data Application

Provides student demographic information from SLED as well as data points from SEDS including:

- Primary disability category
- Eligibility start and end dates
- IEP start and end dates
- Special education level
- Weekly service hours
- Assistive technology

- Related services: setting, time, frequency
- Least restrictive environment
- Dedicated aide and hours
- Transportation eligibility and mode
- ESY eligibility
- IDEA Part C services

**NEW for 2021**: Transportation eligibility for both SY2019-20 and SY2020-21



## Early Access to Students with Disabilities Data Application: User Tips

- Guide meaningful discussions around needs and preparedness, especially considering shifts due to COVID-19.
- Compare staffing levels with student needs.
- Determine additional staff training needs.
- Plan for dedicated aide allocations.
- Review student information to determine classroom and cohort assignments.
- Prepare to complete transportation requests.
- Develop a calendar of meetings.
- Coordinate records transfers with sending schools.
- Establish relationships with parents.
- Regularly destroy exported data to protect student privacy.



## Update: IDEA Part B Consolidated Guidance for Remote and Blended Learning

On March 24, 2021, OSSE issued an update to the <u>IDEA, Part B Provision of FAPE:</u> <u>Guidance Related to Remote and Blended Learning</u> (July 2020) to address requirements related to student observations as part of initial evaluations and reevaluations:

- Clarifying that a student observation may be conducted for determining eligibility for disability categories other than specific learning disability (SLD);
- Student observations must be conducted "in the child's learning environment (including the regular classroom setting);"
- If the student (whether considered for SLD or otherwise) can be validly and reliably observed via online or virtual observation during periods of remote instruction, the group may determine such means are sufficient to inform the evaluation.



## **Early Access Qlik Applications**

In order to access Qlik and the Early Access to Students with Disabilities (SWD) app, you **must** complete these steps:

#### 1. Obtain SLED credentials

To receive SLED credentials and training, send an email to <u>sled.info@dc.gov</u>.

#### 2. Receive Qlik access from OSSE

- Relevant POC types listed on the official LEA Contact List in eSchoolPLUS have been granted access (LEA Data Managers are responsible for updating this contact list).
- Use the OSSE Support Tool to troubleshoot access issues.

#### 3. View training webinar:

https://osse.dc.gov/node/1331101



## Reminder: 2021 ESY Data System Deadlines

Data System	ESY Required Tasks	Earliest date LEA can begin task	Final deadline to complete task
SEDS	Finalize ESY eligibility & ESY	Fall 2020	Friday, April 30, 2021
	transportation eligibility status on IEP		(shows in TOTE next business day)
	Enter ESY calendar & ESY progress	Fall 2020	Friday, April 30, 2021
	report dates		
	Enter Service Trackers	Last day of ESY	Within five business days after ESY
	Enter Progress Reports	Last week of ESY	ends for LEA
TOTE	Complete transportation request form (TRF) for each student eligible for ESY	Coming soon	Monday, May 3, 2021
	transportation		
eSchool	Create ESY calendar	Fall 2020	Friday, April 30, 2021
PLUS	(LEA Data Managers)		
<b>SLED ESY</b>	Input ESY site location(s) for LEA	April 14, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021
Module			
	Assign each ESY-eligible SWD to ESY site location	April 14, 2021	Two days prior to the first day of ESY for the LEA
	Document ESY attendance	Can be completed as early as first day of ESY	Within five business days after ESY ends for LEA





## **IDEA Reminders and Updates**

### **Upcoming IDEA Monitoring**

#### Secondary Transition Requirements

Time period reviewed: FFY Q2 & Q3 Oct. 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

LEAs monitored: All LEAs that serve students ages 16 years and older

Month monitoring takes place:
April 2021

#### Reevaluation Timeliness

Time period reviewed: FFY Q2 & Q3 Oct. 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

LEAs monitored: All LEAs

Month monitoring takes place:
April 2021



## **Secondary Transition Requirements Monitoring**

In previous years, LEAs were placed in cohorts and reviewed on a quarterly basis:

 Moving forward, OSSE will review a total of 200 files as a sample from all LEAs (DCPS and DC Charter Schools) serving students ages 16 and older across Q2 and Q3 (Oct. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021)



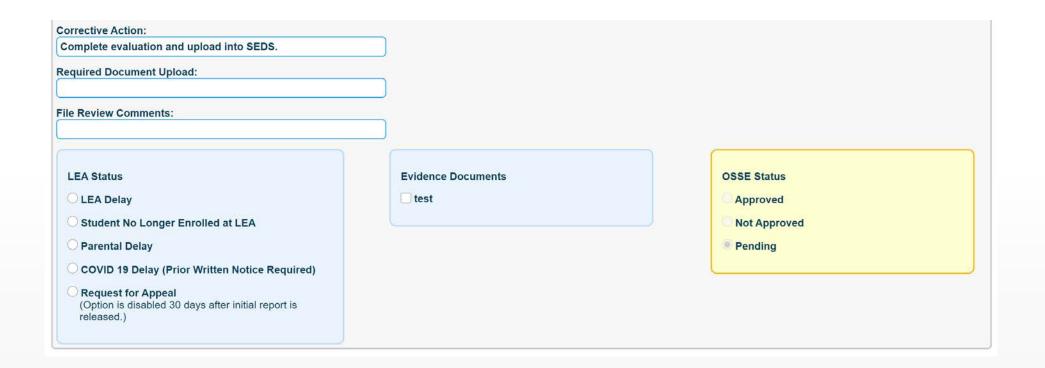
### **Reevaluation Timeliness Monitoring**

- The sampling approach for monitoring timely reevaluations has changed for the 20-21SY.
- OSSE will now monitor for Q2 and Q3 (Oct. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021) using a sampling approach that includes the following components:
  - LEAs with 100 students or more, OSSE will include 20 percent or minimum N size of 30 (whichever is greater) of reevaluations that were scheduled to take place during Q2 and Q3.
  - All other LEAs raw number of reevaluations that were scheduled to take place during Q2 and Q3 student files will be included.



## **Updates in DCCATS**

#### New Reevaluation Options in DCCATS

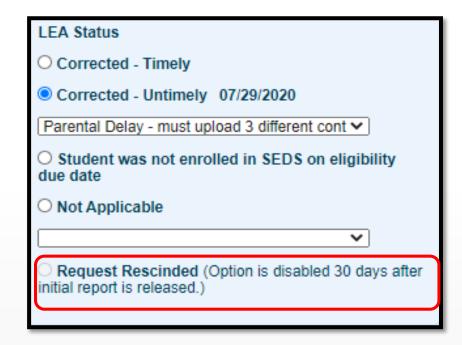




## **Appealing a Finding in DCCATS**



- Under Reports, select the report for which you would like to make an appeal;
- 2) Select the "Student Noncompliance" report;
- **3) Select** the student's name for the file you wish to appeal;
- 4) Under LEA Status, **select** "Request Rescinded" and submit corresponding documentation for evidence.





### What are Prong 1 and Prong 2?

Prong 1 and Prong 2 are the processes OSSE utilizes to ensure that when it identifies noncompliance with the requirements of IDEA, Part B, the noncompliance is corrected.

Prong 1: The LEA corrects individual student-level noncompliance.

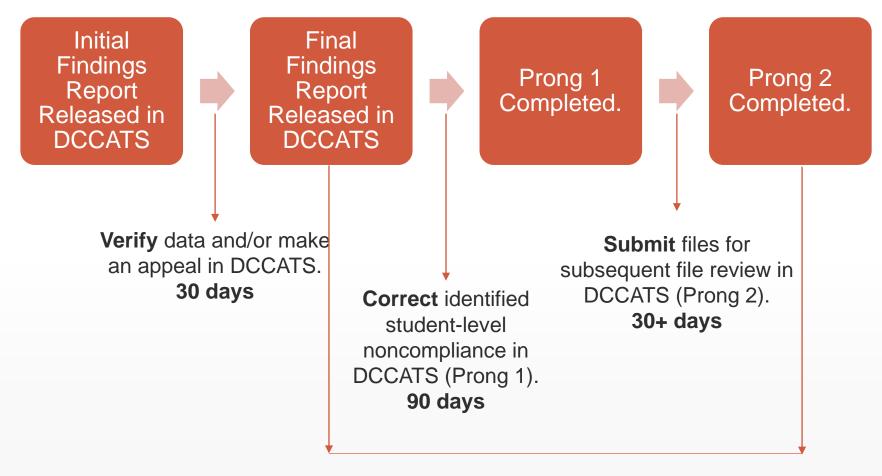
Action step: LEA uploads necessary documentation in the noncompliance report in DCCATS to demonstrate that the student-level noncompliance has been corrected.

 Prong 2: The LEA demonstrates that it is now correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement.

Action step: LEA identifies student file(s) and enters student name and USI information in the Prong 2 report in DCCATS.



## What is the overall timeline for correction of noncompliance?



**Maximum Total Timeline - 365 Days** 



## How many files do I need to submit for Prong 2?

Once your LEA completes Prong 1 in DCCATS, your LEA's Prong 2 report will open and will populate the number of files you need to submit.

Number of files flagged for Noncompliance	Number of student files to upload for Prong 2
1-5 files	1 file
6-10 files	2 files
11-15 files	3 files
16-19 files	4 files
20 + files	5 files



### How exactly do I complete the Prong 2 process?

- 1. Identify student files for OSSE to review.
  - The files for submission must be newer than the reporting period that was monitored.
  - Example: If your LEA was flagged for an untimely initial eligibility in the Initial Eligibility Q2 Report, (Oct. 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2019), identify student files where the eligibility occurred after Jan. 1, 2020.
- 2. Provide the student information for your OSSE monitor to review in DCCATS.
- Enter student name and Universal Student Identification (USI) number into the Prong 2 report.
- Email your LEA monitor to inform them that you completed Prong 2 as DCCATS will not alert your monitor
- Once OSSE reviews the student's record to confirm timeliness, the OSSE monitor will upload the student's final eligibility report and approve to close out the Prong 2 process.

Reminder: This is your LEA's opportunity to demonstrate the work your LEA has done in the identified area of noncompliance.

Questions about what students to use for Prong 2? Review your LEAs Performance and Planning report in the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data (SLED) system.



## Is there a tutorial for prong 2?

Yes. To learn more about how to enter student files for your OSSE monitor to review as part of the Prong 2 process, please watch the following DCCATS tutorial video:

Prong 2 Tutorial (Identifying Students)



## Are there any tools that can assist with file selection for prong 2?

Yes. OSSE encourages LEAs to utilize the LEA Performance & Planning (P&P) Report.

LEA P&P is part of the Enterprise Reporting System, accessible via SLED, or directly at <u>reports.osse.dc.gov</u>.



## **Upcoming Reports Due in DCCATS**

Due Date	Report				
June 10, 2021	<ul><li>Initial Evaluation Q2</li><li>Reevaluation Q2</li></ul>				
July 21, 2021	<ul><li>Initial Evaluation Q3</li><li>Reevaluation Q3</li></ul>				
Aug. 27, 2021	<ul><li>Initial Evaluation Q4</li><li>Reevaluation Q4</li></ul>				
Sept. 30, 2021	Secondary Transition Q4				



## **IDEA Part B Monitoring and TA Schedule**

Estimated Timeline	Monitoring and Compliance Activity				
April 2021	<ul> <li>Secondary transition requirements monitoring</li> <li>Reevaluation timeliness monitoring</li> <li>Targeted technical assistance in the areas of initial evaluation, reevaluation and C to B transition with a focus on students ages 3-5</li> </ul>				
May 2021	<ul> <li>Significant discrepancy and disproportionate representation monitoring</li> <li>Child Find monitoring</li> </ul>				
July 2021	<ul> <li>Targeted technical assistance in the areas of initial evaluation, reevaluation and C to B transition with a focus on students ages 3-5</li> <li>Significant disproportionality monitoring</li> <li>Initial evaluation and C to B transition monitoring</li> </ul>				
August 2021	Issuance of IDEA LEA Determinations for federal fiscal year 2019 (FFY19)				





## Nonpublic Updates

### Nonpublic Schools and Programs

#### Reminder

Pursuant to 34 CFR 300.325 (c), responsibility for compliance with IDEA Part B remains with the public agency (LEA) and the SEA, even if a private school or facility implements a child's IEP.

#### Announcement

 A number of nonpublic schools have recently returned or have plans to soon return to in-person instruction.





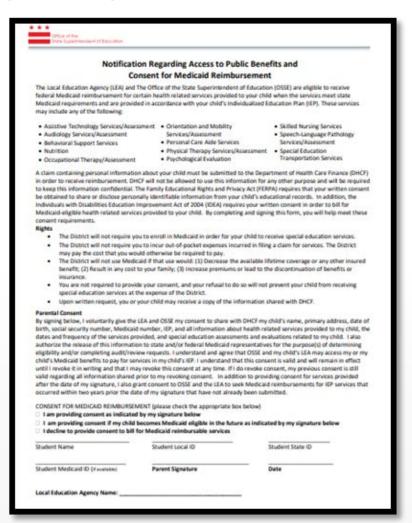
**SEDS Updates** 

#### **OSSE Medicaid Parental Consent Form**

Current process for documenting Medicaid Parental Consent uses *EasyFax* to attach the signed consent form and create a Medicaid Parental Consent event.

#### **Key Issues:**

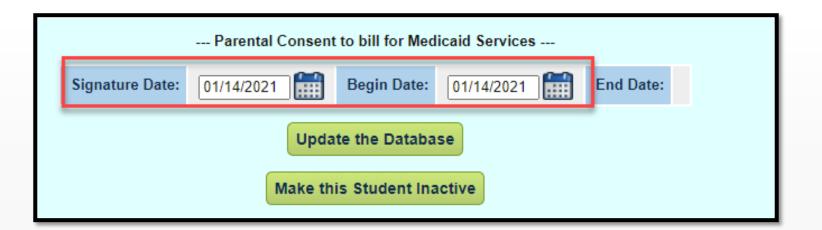
- Access to fax machines
- Consideration for current conditions
- Attached documents do not create events





### Manually Create the Medicaid Consent Event

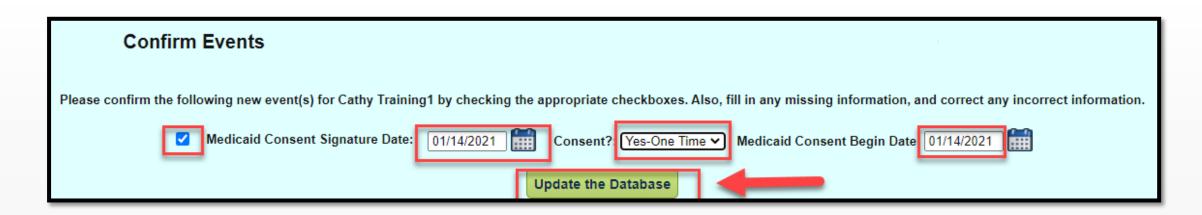
- Select student and navigate to the Personal Page
- Access is restricted by user type
- Navigate to the bottom of the page, Parental Consent to bill Medicaid Services
- Add the appropriate signature date and begin date





#### **Confirm the Medicaid Consent Event**

- Confirm the Signature Date and Parent Response from the dropdown menu
- Use Signature Date and Medicaid Begin date, when dates are not the same
- Update the Database to save all changes





### **Medicaid Consent Event – Student History Page**

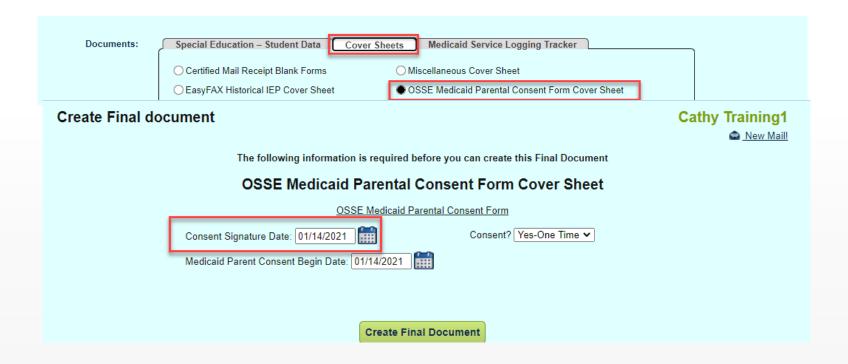
- Confirm that the Medicaid Parental Consent event appears on the Student History page
- Notice there is no document attached
- User must create a place for storing the signed document

Eve ID	Event Date*	Event Type (transferred from)	Begin Date	End Date	<u>User</u>	<u>Document</u>	Date Created	
975	73 01/14/2021	Medicaid Parental Consent (Overall)	01/14/2021		Rita Larkins		04/09/2021 10:40 (3 days)	Details



#### **OSSE Medicaid Consent Cover Sheet**

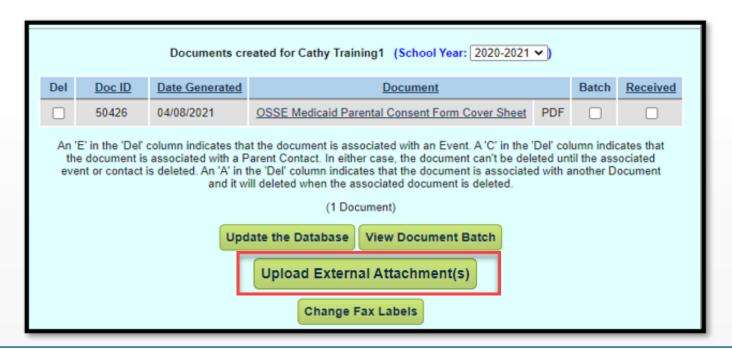
- > Select the OSSE Medicaid Parental Consent Form Cover Sheet.
- > Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Create Final Document.





#### **Documents Page**

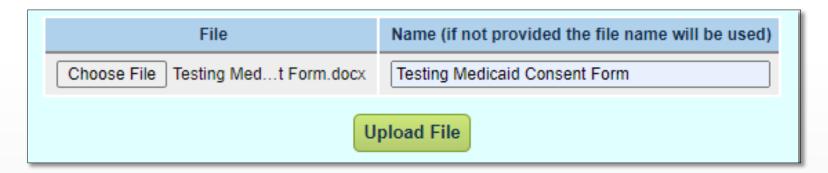
- On the **Documents page**, see OSSE Medicaid Parental Consent Form Cover Sheet document
- ➤ To attach the signed consent form, navigate to the bottom of the screen and click **Upload External Attachments**.





#### **Attached the Signed Consent Form**

- To associate the attachment with the correct document, select the OSSE Medicaid Parental Consent Form Cover Sheet
- ➤ At the bottom of the screen, upload the signed Medicaid consent form, from desktop or file share, assigning a name for the document, and clicking Upload File.
- ➤ The file will be saved in the system as an attachment to the OSSE Medicaid Parental Consent Form Cover Sheet on the Documents tab.



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**Child Outcome Summary (COS) Updates** 

## **Child Outcome Summary (COS)**

The Child Outcome Summary (COS) process is a way for states to measure the progress of preschool and pre-K students who receive special education services. OSSE will complete the second COS data checkpoints in June. For the June 2021 checkpoint:

- LEAs should collect and report COS exit data for every pre-K student with an IEP who will exit a pre-K special education program by the end of the current school year (e.g., children who will participate in kindergarten during the next school year, turned age 6, or exited preschool special education)
- LEAs can begin submitting COS exit data 60 days prior to the last day of school in the District of Columbia Corrective Action Tracking System (DC CATS)
- All COS exit data must be submitted in DC CATS prior to June 1, 2021

Additional information and guidance is available on the OSSE website.





## Transportation Updates

## **ESY 2021 Preparation**

### Calendars and Transportation Request Forms

### Accurate calendar information is essential to scheduling student service times.

- Bell Times
- Correct Cohort
- Exception Days
- Half Days
- Holidays

#### **Accurate student information**

- Will student utilize transportation
- Address verification
- School
- Program

### Impact of inaccurate or late data submissions

- Increases risk of service failure
- Route instability



### **DOT LEA Guidance for ESY 2021**

These are the key operational processes for LEAs to make note of, in order for DOT to appropriately complete SOS preparations and to deliver timely service at the start of the new school year.

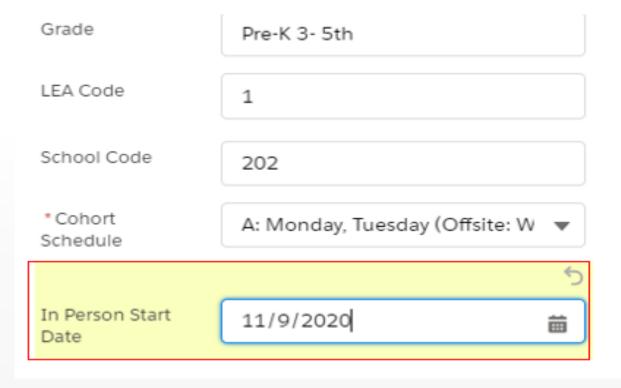
Category	Process step	Owner
Data Submissions	Submit school calendars in TOTE (Calendar upload assistance can be provided- Contact TOTE Support)	LEA
	Submit student transportation request forms (TRFs) in TOTE	LEA
Transportation Preparation	Activities include: data verification, system configuration, data transfers, routing development, QA process, route assignments, practice routes, parent/LEA/school communications, etc.	OSSE DOT

- LEAs data submissions should be no less than 20 business days (four weeks) prior to their first day of school
- TOTE Support can be reached M-F between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at (202) 576-5520 or email dot.data@dc.gov



## In Person Start Date in TOTE

The In Person Start Date field has been created for the purpose of the LEA to inform DOT of the start of their hybrid schooling when they are creating their school year calendar.





## **TOTE Training Dates for SY 2020-2021**

OSSE DOT continues to offer TOTE certification training or refresher training throughout the school term. Training details are listed below:

- Training Location: Online TOTE Training via Microsoft Teams (Link is sent to registered attendees 24 hours prior to training)
- Registration Information: All attendees can register the training class, by clicking the link <u>TOTE Training Link</u>
- Training Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dates:
  - April 7
  - April 28
  - May 12
  - May 26
  - June 9
  - June 23

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## **Reminders and Announcements**

# Feedback?





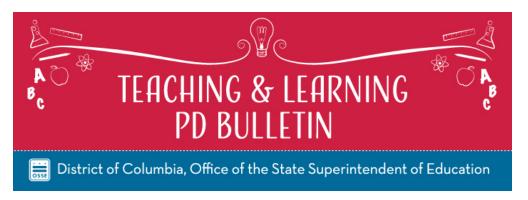
# **Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities and Resources**

Participants in today's webinar are asked to share the following opportunities with relevant staff members at their LEA and school campuses.

## Secondary Transition Institute: May 11-14, 2021



## **Coming Soon: Summer 2021 PD Opportunities**



Find registration links for all upcoming PD sessions in the most recent TAL PD Bulletin, <u>viewable here</u>.

All DC educators are encouraged to subscribe to the monthly TAL PD Bulletin to stay informed of upcoming PD sessions, resources, and tips from fellow educators.

Subscribe here.



## Missed Last Month's Webinar?

Visit our webpage- <u>LEA Special Education Points of Contact</u> <u>Monthly Webinar Series</u>

- Watch previous webinars
- Download training resources and materials

Recording of this webinar and slides will be posted to the webpage above within one week of the live webinar.



## **Upcoming SPED POC Webinar**

**NEXT WEBINAR:** 

Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 10-11 a.m.

Please register <u>here</u>.



## **Complete our Survey**

Complete the April 2021 SPED Webinar Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/april2021spedwebinar





## **Upcoming Due Dates**

Estimated Timeline	OSSE Division	Monitoring and Compliance Activity	
April 2021	K12SS	<ul> <li>Secondary transition requirements monitoring</li> <li>Reevaluation timeliness monitoring</li> <li>Targeted technical assistance in the areas of initial evaluation, reevaluation and C to B transition with a focus on students ages 3-5</li> <li>Risk Based Monitoring</li> </ul>	
May 2021	K12SS	<ul> <li>ESY Certification (May 3)</li> <li>Significant discrepancy and disproportionate representation monitoring</li> <li>Child Find monitoring</li> </ul>	
June 2021	K12SS	Child Outcome Summary (COS) June Checkpoint – COS exit data due	
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August 2021	K12SS	Issuance of IDEA LEA Determinations for federal fiscal year 2019 (FFY19)	





## Thank You!



## Appendix

# OSSE Contact Information for LEA Special Education POCs

Topic	Point of Contact	Email/Phone
Policy & Guidance	OSSE Special Education Policy Team	OSSE.DSEpolicy@dc.gov
Manitoring 9 Compliance	Karen Morgan-Donaldson, IDEA Part B Monitoring and Compliance Team	Karen.Morgan-Donaldson@dc.gov
Monitoring & Compliance	Edgar Stewart, Nonpublic Monitoring Team	Edgar.Stewart@dc.gov
Evidence-Based Practice	Jennifer Carpenter, Professional Development Specialist	Jennifer.Carpenter@dc.gov
Data Apps & Systems	Use the OSSE Support Tool for questions or support with special education data systems and applications  Locate your LEA's DAR Liaison	OSSE Support Tool Locate DAR Liaison
Preschool Special Education	Dawn Hilton, Special Education Supervisory Coordinator, Division of Early Learning	Dawn.Hilton1@dc.gov
·	Child Outcomes Summary Data Collection	OSSE.COSFAQ@dc.gov
Assessment Accommodations	Michael Craig, Assessment Specialist, Special Populations,	Michael.Craig@dc.gov
	TOTE Support Team:	(202) 576-5520 or <u>DOT.Data@dc.gov</u>
Student Transportation	School Liaisons and Parent Resource Center	(202) 576-5000 (follow prompt for school officials)



## The Role of the LEA Special Education POC (LEA SPED POC)

### **Policy & Guidance**

- Liaise with OSSE and your LEA on special education policy and guidance
- Identify key areas of need for special education technical assistance and professional development

### **Evidence-Based Practice**

- Support LEA staff in leveraging OSSE resources on evidence-based practices in serving students with disabilities
- Share training opportunities with staff

### **Monitoring & Compliance**

- Liaise with OSSE IDEA Part B Monitoring and Non-Public Team
- Ensures implementation of dispute resolution correction of noncompliance

### **Data Apps & Systems**

- Serve as the SEDS administrator and trainer on behalf of all LEA staff
- Access and leverage student-level data from multiple OSSE systems (Qlik, SLED, etc.)
- LEA leaders may assign one or more staff members as the LEA SE POC and may divide duties to best meet the needs of the LEA.
- LEA SE POCS must be <u>assigned this role</u> in eSchoolPLUS to receive official OSSE communications targeted to their role. Contact your LEA Data Manager to add your name and email to the <u>eSchoolPLUS contact list</u>.



## **Coordination Between LEA SPED POCs and LEA Teams**

LEA SE POCs coordinate with a range of other POCs to support with the work listed below. Please connect with the staff members who serve in the following roles to ensure you are prepared to support one another throughout the school year.

#### **LEA Assessment POC**

- Ensure students with disabilities receive appropriate assessment accommodations, as documented in IEPs
- Determine Alternate Assessment eligibility for students with cognitive disabilities

### **Pre-K Special Education POC**

- Serve 3- to 5-year-old students with disabilities
- Support Pre-K SE POC in collecting Child Outcomes Summary data, as needed

### **Early Childhood Transition Coordinator**

- Coordinate a smooth C to B Transition for newly enrolled 3- or 4-yearold children from the DC Early Intervention Program ('Strong Start')
- Coordinate Child Find duties for young children

### **LEA Transportation POC**

- Provided updates to your LEA on transportation policies, guidance, and eligibility criteria
- Ensure timely submission of all Transportation Request Forms (TRFs).

### **LEA Data Manager**

- Ensure accurate enrollment data to allow transfer of records in SEDS for students with disabilities
- Access and leverage student-level data from multiple OSSE systems (Qlik, SLED, SIS, etc.)

### **LEA English Learner Coordinator**

 Serve students who are dually identified as English learners with disabilities, including appropriate assessment accommodations, evaluations and service provision in other languages, family engagement and communication, etc.

