



District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

2016 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) to Address Educational Services for Youth Committed to DYRS

In November 2012, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) was entered by DCPS, DYRS and OSSE to ensure the provision of a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with individualized education programs (IEPs) who were committed to DYRS. On Aug. 16, 2016, the MOA was reauthorized by all participating agencies. On Feb. 15, 2019, the third option year of the MOA was exercised by all participating agencies.

The purpose of the MOA is to clarify each participating agency's responsibility for improving educational outcomes for youth committed to DYRS by minimizing disruption in general and special educational services during times of transition between DYRS placements. Activities in the MOA include, but are not limited to: facilitation of records transfer, oversight and monitoring of educational service delivery, oversight and monitoring on provision of FAPE, and ensuring required accommodations are delivered to youth with disabilities while under the commitment of DYRS. To ensure compliance with all components of the MOA, the agencies will meet on a regular basis to review student placement status and develop a plan to address any related issues that may impact continuity of service delivery and/or compliance with federal and local law.

Furthermore, as a component of the MOA, the participating agencies agreed to collaborate to ensure appropriate data sharing procedures. All student educational records shall be shared, consistent with requirements imposed by federal and District of Columbia law and in compliance with the MOA.

Additionally, the participating parties are required to identify the specific individuals responsible for implementing the obligations defined in the MOA. The points of contact are as follows:

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