

Tracking the Provision of Specialized Instruction

Procedures for Children Under Age 6

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Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), LEAs shall ensure a smooth and effective transition of children from IDEA Part C early intervention services to IDEA Part B preschool special education and related services, including ensuring that:

- 1) The LEA participates in transition planning conferences, as appropriate;
- The LEA develops an individualized education program (IEP) by the child's third birthday; and
- 3) The LEA implements the IEP by the child's third birthday.

34 C.F.R. §300.124

1) LEA participates in transition planning conferences

- Transition conference invitation sent by DC Strong Start/ Early Intervention Program (EIP) constitutes referral for the purposes of initial evaluation.
- When invited, an LEA must attend the transition planning conference to provide information on the LEA and its programming.
- Reasonable efforts for the purposes of C-to-B transition includes attempting to obtain parental consent for evaluation at the transition conference.

2) LEA develops an IEP by the child's third birthday

- This includes:
 - Adhering to the initial evaluation process and timeline;
 - Completion of the eligibility determination; and
 - Development of the IEP, if the child is found eligible for IDEA Part B services.
- LEAs are encouraged to use the data and information provided by DC EIP and the child's parent to inform the initial evaluation process and IEP development.

3) The LEA must implement the IEP by the child's third birthday

- All specialized instruction and related services in the child's IEP must be provided by the child's third birthday, in accordance with the following stateestablished requirements:
 - Specialized instruction must be provided by the child's third birthday.
 - If the child turns 3 on a non-school day, specialized instruction must be provided on the first school day after the child's third birthday (stage 5 enrollment).
 - All related services must be provided at least once within 14 days of the child's third birthday.
 - If the child turns 3 during the summer and the child <u>does not</u> qualify for related services as part of their ESY services, all related services must be provided at least once within 14 days of the first day of school after the summer (stage 5 enrollment). 34 C.F.R. §300.124(b);

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Tracking the First Provision of Specialized Instruction



- DL v. DC: Class action lawsuit regarding special education services for District children ages 3 through 5 years old
 - Court determined that the District of Columbia violated the IDEA and District law by failing to identify children with disabilities aged 3-5, timely issue eligibility determinations, and smoothly and effectively transition them from Part C to Part B services by age 3.
- The Court ordered the District to comply with specific performance metrics for children ages 3-5 years old:
 - District-wide Child Find rate of 8.5%
 - 95% timely eligibility determinations
 - 95% smooth and effective C-to-B transition

OSSE's DL v. DC Dear Colleague Letter (August 2017)



Court Ordered Requirements for Specialized Instruction Tracking:

Child Find: "The District shall record and track when children first receive each service (including special education and related services) required pursuant to an IEP or extended IFSP."

C-B Transition: "The District may report that there was no disruption in services as long as (1) all of the child's special education services begin on the child's third birthday or, if that is a weekend or holiday, on the first school day after the child's third birthday (which, in the case of a child whose birthday falls during the summer and qualifies for ESY services, will be ESY services)...".



For the 2019-20 school year, LEAs are required to document the first provision of specialized instruction for the following students with disabilities:

- Students under the age of 6, including:
 - Students at/ around the age of 3 transitioning from Part C;
 - Students at/ around the age of 4 transitioning from an Extended IFSP; and
 - Students ages 3 through 5 newly determined eligible for special education, including children transferring from out-of-state.

LEAs are only required to document the <u>FIRST</u> provision of specialized instruction, and are <u>not</u> required to document specialized instruction for a student with a disability on an ongoing basis.



LEAs are not required to document the first provision of specialized instruction after a student's IEP has been revised or amended if the LEA has previously documented the provision of specialized instruction under the prior IEP.

For the 2020-2021 school year, LEAs will not be required to document the first provision of specialized instruction for the following students:

- Students under the age of 6 continuing within the LEA with a current eligibility determination and who have previously received specialized instruction; and
- Students under the age of 6 transferring from another LEA who have previously received specialized instruction.

Specialized Instruction Tracking SEDS Access

LEA staff that manages SEDS access and roles (usually LEA Data Administrators or Special Education POCs) are responsible for ensuring appropriate SEDS access for case managers (and/or LEA-designated staff responsible for documenting specialized instruction in SEDS).

Service Certifications			
Sp	ecial Ed Services		
Services:	Can Provide	Certified	Certifications
Adapted Physical Education			View
Specialized Instruction	· · 🔶		
R	elated Services		
Services:	Can Provide	Certified	Certifications
Audiology			View
Behavioral Support Services			View
Occupational Therapy	<u>*</u>		View
Orientation and Mobility			View
Parent Counseling and Training			View
Physical Therapy			View
Recreation			View
Rehabilitation Counseling			View



Specialized Instruction Tracking Process

STEP 1

Service provider completes and signs hard copy Provision of Specialized Instruction Form

<u>STEP 2</u> In SEDS, case manager creates a service log in the Specialized Instruction Logging Wizard

<u>STEP 3</u> Generate a Specialized Instruction Service Tracker

<u>STEP 4</u> Attach to the service tracker the uploaded Provision of Specialized Instruction Form

Specialized Instruction Tracking Form

STEP 1: Service provider completes and signs hard copy

Provision of Specialized Instruction Form.

	Student Information		
Student Name		State USI:	
LEA:		DOB:	
Teaching Staff	Name:	IEP Date:	
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	Delivered	Special Education Teacher	
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STEP 1: Service provider completes and signs hard copy

Provision of Specialized Instruction Form.

Specialized Instruction Service Receipt

Student Information

Student Name:	State USI:
LEA:	DOB:
Teaching Staff Name:	IEP Date:

Specialized Instruction Tracking Form

STEP 1: Service provider completes and signs hard copy

Provision of Specialized Instruction Form.

	Service Delivery Information			
Initial Service Delivery Date ¹	Delivery Status (check one)	Teaching Staff Type (check one)		
	Attempted:	General Education Teacher		
	Delivered	Special Education Teacher		

¹LEAs must ensure that students' records are updated in the Special Education Data System (SEDS) within a maximum of five business days from the date of this service. (<u>OSSE LEA Data Management Policy</u> (Revised December 2017))



STEP 1: Service provider completes and signs hard copy

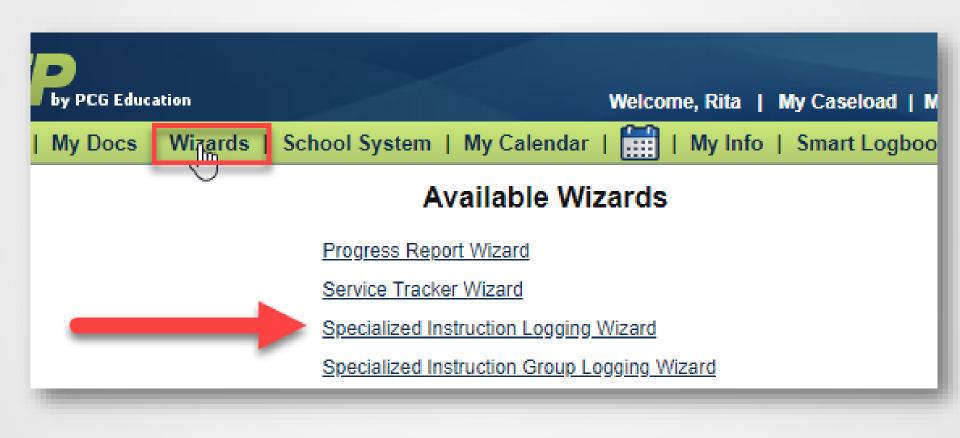
Provision of Specialized Instruction Form.

By signing and dating this service receipt, I confirm that all documented direct services are complete and accurate					
Teaching Staff Signature:	Date:				
Special Education Administrator Name:					
Special Education Administrator Signature:	Date:				

Specialized Instruction Logging Wizard

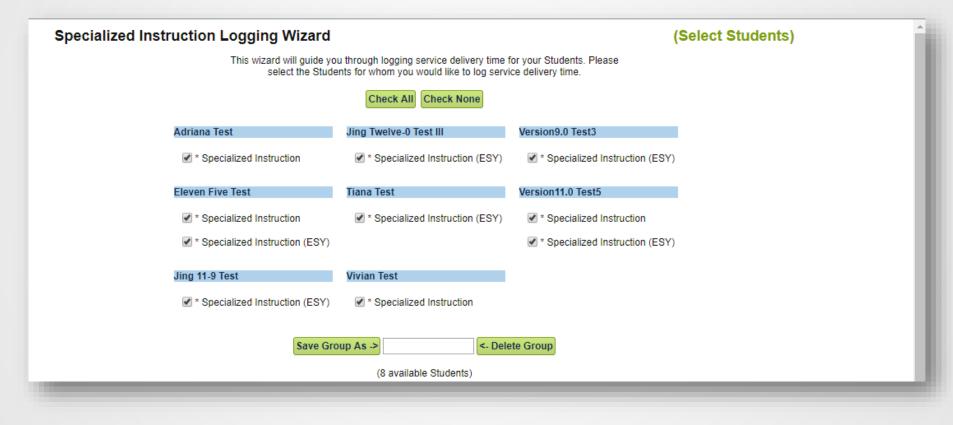
STEP 2: Case manager creates a service log in the

Specialized Instruction Logging Wizard.



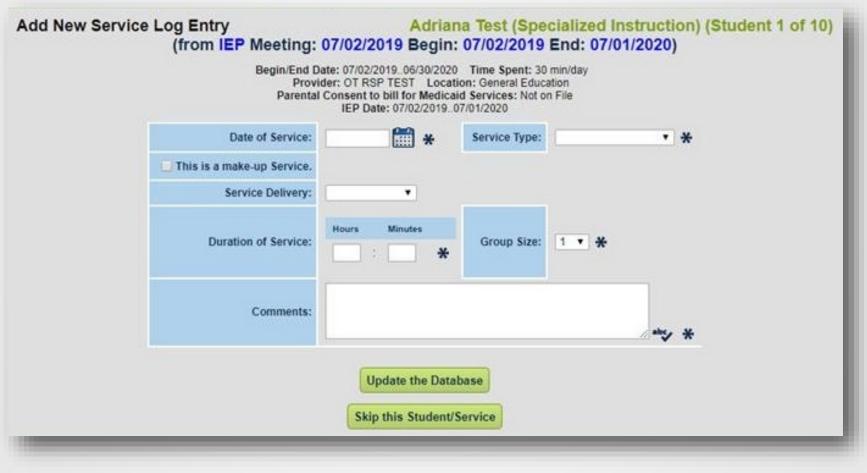
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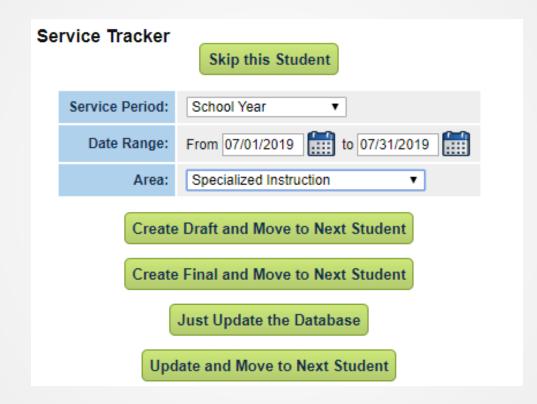


STEP 2: Case manager creates a service log in the

Specialized Instruction Logging Wizard.



STEP 3: Case manager generates a service tracker.



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				Student Information			
Student: A	driana Test	1	Local ID:	State USI: 295874	DOB: 03/11/2004	4 Grade:	: 4
Last Eligib	ility Meeting Dat	e: 08/14/2018	3	Last IEP Annual Revie	ew Meeting Date: 07/	02/2019	
				LEA/School Information			
LEA of En	rollment: District	t of Columbia	Public Sc	hools	Case Manager:	Christie Test	
	Closed - Testing				School Phone: 9	99-999-9999	
School Add	ress: 1150 5th St	t. Se, Washing	gton, DC 2	20003			
Service Da	te Range: 07/02	1/2019 to 07/3	1/2019				
	ame: Christie T						
				IEP Start Date: 07/02/2019			
				IEP End Date: 07/01/2020			
			S	Service Code: Specialized Instruction			
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				Service Code: Specialized Instruction Report Date: 07/15/2019			
Date of	Service Type	Duration	Group	Service Code: Specialized Instruction	Response	ESY	Provider
Date of Service				Gervice Code: Specialized Instruction Report Date: 07/15/2019 Area Covered		ESY Service?	Provider Initials
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By signing and dating this service tracker report, I agree that all documented direct services are complete and accurate.

Specialized Instruction Tracking Form Upload

STEP 4: In the Documents tab, case manager uploads completed and signed Specialized Instruction Tracking Form and attaches it to the Specialized Instruction Service Tracker, using the Specialized Instruction Cover Sheet

Specialized Instruction Cover Sheet	Specialized Instruction Se		Service Tracker
opecialized instruction cover sheet	Student Informatio	on	
	Student Name:	State USI:	Student Information
	LEA:	DOB:	Student: Adriana Test Local ID: State USI: 295874 DOB: 03/11/2004 Grade: 4
Student Name: Adriana Test	Teaching Staff Name:	IEP Date:	Last Eligibility Meeting Date: 08/14/2018 Last IEP Annual Review Meeting Date: 07/02/2019
Local Student ID:	reaching start warre.	TEP Date.	LEA/School Information
			LEA of Enrollment: District of Columbia Public Schools Case Manager: Christie Test School/Site: Closed - Testing School School Phone: 999-9999
State USI: 295874			School Address: 1150 5th St. Se. Washington, DC 20003
Grade: 4th Grade	Service Delivery Inform	nation	
School Name: Closed - Testing School			Service Date Range: 07/01/2019 to 07/31/2019
Date of Birth: 03/11/2004	Initial Service Delivery Delivery Status	Teaching Staff Type	Provider Name: Christie Test
User Logging service: Christie Test	Date ¹ (check one)	(check one)	IEP Start Date: 07/02/2019
			IEP End Date: 07/01/2020
	Attempted:	General Education Teacher	Service Code: Specialized Instruction
		Special Education Teacher	Report Date: 07/15/2019
	Delivered		
	L	-	Date of Service Type Duration Group Area Covered Response ESY Provider
			Service Size Service? Initials
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	Special Education Administrator Signature:	Date:	Progress Notes: use back on the table
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			Progress Notes:
	¹ LEAs must ensure that students' records are updated in the Special Educat business days from the date of this service. (OSS LEA Data Management Po https://docs.dc.gov/https://docs.utdps/cl.se/osse/publication/attachmen Policy%20%28updated%20Dec%202017%29.pdf)	licy (Revised December 2017), Available at:	
			By signing and dating this service tracker report, I agree that all documented direct services are complete and accurate.

Specialized Instruction Tracking Form Upload

STEP 5: Go to the Documents tab for each student to verify upload or fax received.

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5423656 07/15/2019 Specialized Instruction - Service Tracker PDF						Specialized Instruction - Service Tracker PDF	07/15/2019	5423656	



Error Flags, Monitoring & LEA Support

- Unified Data Errors (UDE) A UDE flag will be generated if specialized instruction is not fully documented in accordance with the proscribed process. Correction will be required, including the following:
 - 1. Creation of a specialized instruction service log,
 - 2. Creation of a specialized instruction tracker, and
 - 3. Upload of the signed Specialized Instruction Tracking Form in the student's SEDS file.
- **Monitoring** OSSE will conduct monthly monitoring of LEA compliance with the specialized instruction service tracking requirement. Upon identification of an LEA's failure to complete the student record, OSSE will:
 - Connect directly with LEA Special Education Points of Contact (LEA SE POCs) and heads of school to correct student files in SEDS, and
 - Provide targeted support to address LEA barriers to compliance.

Resources – Child Find and C-to-B Transition

Child Find and Initial Evaluation Resources

https://osse.dc.gov/page/child-find-and-initial-evaluation-resources

- Specialized Instruction Tracking Form (also available in the Documents section of the SEDS homepage)
- Dear Colleague Letter Regarding Specialized Instruction Service Delivery
- Dear Colleague Letter Regarding DL v. DC
- Model Child Find Policy
- Turnkey Child Find Training Materials
- Referral and Initial Evaluation guidance documents
- Parental Delay Analysis Review Protocols



OSSE Special Education Law and Regulations: <u>https://osse.dc.gov/service/special-education-laws-and-regulations</u>

Policy Notices, Hearings, and Comments (including proposed regulations)

OSSE Special Education Policy:

https://osse.dc.gov/service/specialized-education-local-policies

- OSSE Early Childhood Transition Policy
- OSSE Early Childhood Transition Guidelines



- OSSE Part B Special Education Policy: Christie Weaver-Harris (<u>Christie.Weaver-Harris@dc.gov</u>)
- SEDS Questions: OSSE Support Tool (OST) or your Data Liaison
- DC Early Intervention Program (EIP/ Strong Start) Director: Andres Alvarado (<u>Andres.Alvarado@dc.gov</u>)

- DC EIP Hotline: (202) 727-3665

 IDEA Part B Section 619 (children ages 3-5): Dr. Margareth Legaspi (<u>Margareth.Legaspi@dc.gov</u>)

