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Introduction

The United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), has advised states that all IEPs written on or after July 1, 2005, must comply with the requirements of the 2004 Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA). The position of the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, is that the January 2006 and February 2009 revised IEP forms serve a number of purposes. The first purpose is to help insure compliance with the statutory requirements of IDEA and State Law. In addition, these forms assist as a data collection and student educational program-planning tool. Therefore, the State Department of Education has directed that all IEPs written for students in the State of Connecticut be completed on these forms.

The following commentary (January 2006, Revised December 2006 and February 2009) is provided to school districts in Connecticut to assist them in utilizing the revised IEP forms. Please note, not every field in the IEP has a corresponding description. Written comments or questions regarding IEP forms may be sent to the Bureau of Special Education, P.O. Box 2219, Room 369, Hartford, CT 06145-2219 (phone: (860) 713-6910) (E-mail: gail.mangs@ct.gov). See the Bureau website at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&Q=320730#IEP> for IEP and other forms.

General Information

The intent of this page is to indicate:

- demographic information about the student and parents;
- the purpose of the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting;
- a list of the PPT members present;
- eligibility determination; and
- amendment to an IEP.

Pages 1, 2 and 3, are designed to stand alone if the purpose of the PPT meeting is other than to develop or revise an IEP. These pages can serve as the record of the meeting and can be used to provide parents with “Prior Written Notice” of the outcome of the meeting. Conversely, if an IEP is being developed or revised, these pages can be attached to the IEP to provide all required information relative to the development of the document.

If, by mutual consent of the parents and district, an IEP is being amended, pages 1, 2, 3 and supportive documentation will serve as a record of the agreed upon changes.

Meeting Date

On this page, and on all subsequent pages, the date of the meeting at which the information for the form was generated should be entered in the space provided in the top right hand corner of the page, and the student’s name, date of birth and school district in the space provided in the header of each page. If this is an amendment to an IEP, see **Amendment to an IEP** page 3 of this manual.

Current Enrolled School

Current Enrolled School is the school of attendance, where services are being provided to the student. It is the school where the student sits and is educated.

Home School

Home School is the school in the district the student would attend if not disabled. Additionally, if the student attends a School of Choice, the School of Choice is their home school. (e.g., Charter and Magnet Schools, etc.) If the currently enrolled school and the home school differ check no and specify the name of the home school. If the currently enrolled school is the home school, check yes.

School Next Year

If the projected school for next year will be the home school, check yes. If the projected school next year is not going to be the home school check no and specify the name of the home school.

Student ID #

Districts should use the State Assigned Student Identification Number (SASID). If the District has an internal district ID number they may list both. Eventually all data at the state level will be submitted and retrieved using the SASID number.

Race/Ethnicity, Home Dominant Language

When completing the *Race/Ethnicity* and the *Home Dominant Language* fields, the response entered should be based on information obtained from the parent or student, not on one’s personal judgment. Most typically, this information is collected when a student is first enrolled and parents complete racial/ethnic group and language survey forms, or when a student is evaluated to determine his/her dominant language. Currently, federal regulations allow for the assignment of one race/ethnic code. If the student or parent does not identify a racial or ethnic group, the district must select the most appropriate code.

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| Student Instructional Language | <p><i>Student Instructional Language</i> is an instructional decision of the school based on district criteria. In SEDAC, this item is called <i>English Proficiency</i> and is addressed by <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i>.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parent/ Guardian Address | <p>Provision has been made for the student's address. It is intended that the address of the student's primary residence, i.e., where s/he spends most of her/his time, be entered on the <i>Student Address</i>¹ line and the name of the parent/guardian with whom the child lives for the majority of the time be entered on the <i>Parent/Guardian</i> line below. This convention was adopted to help district staff identify where the student is to be transported if special transportation is required. If the student is in an out-of-home placement, enter the address of the parent whose address generates your district's jurisdiction (nexus) on this <i>Parent/Guardian Address</i> line. It is recognized that there are various forms of living arrangements and guardianships for students. Districts should feel free to fill in these fields with the most appropriate information for their use. Additionally, spaces have been provided for phone numbers and districts should, likewise, use them for their convenience.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Most Recent Evaluation Date | <p>In the <i>Most Recent Evaluation Date</i> and <i>Next Reevaluation Date</i> fields, respectively, record the date of the most recent evaluation which served to determine eligibility for special education services and the date that the next reevaluation is due. As used here, the <i>Most Recent Evaluation Date</i> and <i>Next Reevaluation Date</i> fields do not refer to the date that a student was tested but rather, to the date that a PPT reviewed evaluation results and made a decision regarding eligibility for special education services. For example, if a child has recently been identified as eligible for special education services for the first time, her/his initial evaluation date would be the date of the PPT meeting that reviewed the results of an initial evaluation and determined that the student was eligible for special education services. For this student, the next reevaluation date would be no more than three years from the exact date of this PPT meeting. This next reevaluation date would be the latest date that a PPT could meet to review the results of a reevaluation, consider the appropriateness of the student's program, and determine continuing eligibility for special education services.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for Meeting | <p>Under <i>Reason for Meeting</i>² indicate the purpose of the meeting by checking the appropriate response. Recognize that it is possible for a PPT meeting to be convened for several different reasons so make certain to check all responses that apply. The reasons checked should match the <i>Purpose of Meeting</i> on the Parent Notice of PPT Meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Disability | <p>Although it is possible that a student may have more than one disability, enter the disability which is most indicative of the student's primary disability. Disabilities eligible for special education services under IDEA or Connecticut statutes are as listed below.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>(01) Intellectual Disability (ID)</td> <td>(06) Orthopedic Impairment</td> <td>(10) Multiple Disabilities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(02) Hearing Impairment</td> <td>(07) Other Health Impairment</td> <td>(11) Autism</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(03) Speech Or Language Impairment</td> <td>(7A) ADD/ADHD (Sub-Category of OHI)</td> <td>(12) Traumatic Brain Injury</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(04) Visual Impairment</td> <td>(08) Specific Learning Disability</td> <td>(15) Developmental Delay (Ages 3 to 5 only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(05) Emotional Disturbance</td> <td>(09) Deaf-Blindness</td> <td>TBD-no code</td> </tr> </table> | (01) Intellectual Disability (ID) | (06) Orthopedic Impairment | (10) Multiple Disabilities | (02) Hearing Impairment | (07) Other Health Impairment | (11) Autism | (03) Speech Or Language Impairment | (7A) ADD/ADHD (Sub-Category of OHI) | (12) Traumatic Brain Injury | (04) Visual Impairment | (08) Specific Learning Disability | (15) Developmental Delay (Ages 3 to 5 only) | (05) Emotional Disturbance | (09) Deaf-Blindness | TBD-no code | | | |
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Other Health Impaired

Other Health Impairment (OHI) means having limited strength, vitality or alertness, including a heightened alertness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that –

- (i) is due to chronic or acute health problems such as asthma, attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, diabetes, epilepsy, a heart condition, hemophilia, lead poisoning, leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, and sickle cell anemia: and
- (ii) adversely affects a child's educational performance.

The federal definition for OHI can be found 34 C.F.R. Section 300.8(c)(9).

ADD/ADHD

ADD/ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder) is a sub-category of OHI and has been added so that the Department can distinguish OHI students with ADD/ADHD from students with other health related problems that are reported in this disability category. For a child to be identified as ADD/ADHD, the child must first meet the overall eligibility requirements for OHI and then, meet the more specific requirements for ADD/ADHD.

Multiple Disabilities

It should be noted that the category of Multiple Disabilities is not simply that two or more disabling conditions are present but that the combination meets the conditions defined below. The federal law defines Multiple Disabilities as:

“...concomitant impairments (such as mental retardation-blindness, mental retardation-orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. Multiple disabilities does not include deaf-blindness.” (34 C.F.R. Section 300.8(c)(8))

Eligibility

The PPT must determine, based on all available relevant information, whether or not the child is eligible as a student with a disability and as a result requires special education and related services. If the answer is “yes”, the specific disability should be checked in *the Primary Disability* checklist also on **Page 1**. The State Department of Education has developed guidelines to assist school districts and families in determining eligibility for special education and related services. The following guidelines are available on the SDE website (<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/>) or can be obtained by calling SERC (860-632-1485): ADD/ADHD, Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disabilities, Specific Learning Disabilities, and Speech or Language Impairment.

Amendment to an IEP

If this is an amendment to a current IEP, check yes and identify the date of the IEP being amended. The consent form (ED634) is only used when the District and family agree to amend an existing IEP without going to a PPT meeting. If the PPT is meeting, should be checked for this prompt. See the October 13, 2006, SDE Blog for guidance regarding obtaining a signed agreement.

If this is an amendment complete pages 1, 2 and 3 of the PPT packet and attach the supporting documents for the amendments. The meeting date that should be used on the top of pages 1, 2 and 3 should be the date that the parent and school district discussed and agreed upon the amendments(s) to the IEP. In making changes to an IEP without a meeting, the parents and the school must agree that convening a PPT is not necessary in order to amend the current IEP and ED 634 must be signed by the parent. Federal Statute states “the parent of a child with a disability and the local educational agency may agree not to convene an IEP meeting for the purposes of making such changes [after the annual review], and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the current child’s IEP.” (H.R. 1350 Section 614(d)(3)(D)) The signed *Agreement to Change an IEP without Convening a PPT Meeting* must be attached to pages 1, 2 and 3 of the PPT packet.

Team Members Present

It is not required that Planning and Placement Team members sign page 1 under *Team Members Present*. The names of the people attending the meeting are to be indicated. Signatures are not required. If a person is listed next to “other”, identify the person’s role/position related to their purpose for being at the meeting.

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LIST OF PLANNING AND PLACEMENT TEAM (PPT) RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEETING SUMMARY

Recommendations

In the List of PPT Recommendations section, space is provided for an itemized list of the PPT recommendations. For example: (1) Student is identified as having a specific learning disability and is eligible for special education services; (2) Provide three hours per week of special education resource time; (3) Review student progress in three months; (4) The special education teacher and classroom teacher will meet to collaborate for 15 minutes weekly during the next three months regarding appropriate modifications to the classroom curriculum, instruction and assignments and 5) An evaluation will be conducted to determine eligibility. It is important that this section be specific so that both parents and school district staff know what is being recommended by the PPT. It is good practice to review these recommendations at the conclusion of each meeting. You may use multiple copies of **Page 2** if necessary.

Meeting Summary

A meeting summary is not a required part of the IEP except for children ages 3 through 5 (see below). This section is therefore optional for all other students. The use of a summary is a decision to be made by the local school district. There is no statutory requirement that parents sign the summary to indicate their agreement with the content. It should also be noted that the summary is not typically a verbatim transcription of a meeting. Most often this page is used to encapsulate the discussion that occurs at a meeting, to clarify any issues that may arise, and to elaborate on the elements of prior written notice. If necessary, more than one **Page 2** can be used.

For 3, 4 and 5 years old children receiving preschool special education and related services, school districts should use this section to capture:

The Program: Identify the program that the child participates in beyond - in addition to - their IEP services (e.g., Head Start, School Readiness, a playgroup, a Y program or other program designed for typically developing children) if appropriate.

The Total Hours Per Week: Identify the total hours per week that the child participates in a program, service and/or activity designed for typically developing children that the child attends in addition to their IEP services. The total hours does not include the special education and related services that a child receives through their IEP. If a child participates in a program (Head start, Y Program) in addition to their IEP services, use page 2 of the IEP to document the hours that a child participates in such a program. For example, George attends Mother Goose Nursery School 20 hours per week; Nancy attends the Y playgroup for 2 hours per week.

General Information

The purpose of Prior Written Notice is to provide written communication to parents of the *Action(s)* that has been proposed or refused by a Planning and Placement Team. (Although the federal law requires notice to parents for *Refused Actions*, teams more often meet to initiate an *Action* not refuse one). The process for completing **Page 3** flows from left to right across the page.

Actions Proposed

The Team identifies the *Action(s)* proposed. The Team then needs to indicate the *Reasons for the Action(s)*, and the *Evaluation Procedures, Assessment, Records, or Reports Used as a Basis for the Action Proposed*. Finally, the Team completes the date the *Proposed Action(s)* will be implemented. The Proposed Action may not be implemented sooner than 5 school days from the date the parent/guardian receives the **Prior Written Notice**. Additionally, the implementation date should match with the *Start Date* of services on the grid on **page 11**.

Actions Refused

The Team identifies the *Action(s)* refused. The Team then needs to indicate the *Reasons for the Refused Action(s)*, and the *Evaluation Procedures, Assessment, Records, or Reports Used as a Basis for the Action Refused*.

The team also needs to indicate *Other Options That Were Considered and Rejected In Favor Of the Proposed Actions*, and *Rationale For Rejecting These Other Options* and finally, *Other Factors that are Relevant To This Action*.

Actions typically proposed or refused by the PPT include: conduct an initial evaluation, conduct a reevaluation, determine the student is or is not eligible for special education and related services, implement an IEP, continue an IEP, revise an IEP, change placement, discontinue specific services, and exit from special education.

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| Implement IEP | An IEP is <i>Implemented</i> as a result of an initial eligibility determination or an Annual Review. |
| Continue IEP | An IEP is <i>Continued</i> when there is no change to the IEP. This option cannot be used for an Annual Review. |
| Revise IEP | An IEP is <i>Revised</i> or amended between Annual Reviews. |
| Change Placement | A change of placement occurs when a student is placed into an interim alternative educational setting or the IEP is revised that approves placement into a RESC or an approved private special education program. |
| Discontinue Services | This item is used when specific services (Language, Speech, Hearing, Occupational Therapy, or Physical Therapy) are being discontinued, but the student continues to be eligible for other special education and/or related services. |
| Evaluation or Reevaluation | The District is conducting an initial evaluation or a reevaluation. |
| Exit Special Education | The student is exiting from special education services. |

If more than one Action or Refusal is listed in the first column, but they cluster together for the purposes of columns 2 and 3, only one **Page 3** is required (e.g., *Determine that student is eligible for Special Education / Related Services* and *Implement IEP Dated*). Multiple **Page 3's** may be needed if the PPT endorses more than one Action or Refusal which cannot be clustered and cannot be described together in columns 2 and 3.

**Exit
Information**

If the PPT exits a student from special education eligibility, check the box; provide the date and the reason for the student exiting special education. If the student is returning to general education check the box.

**Procedural
Safeguards**

In the field at the bottom of the page that begins with *Parents please note:* the recorder must indicate, by checking one of the two boxes provided, that the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education document was either given to the parents previously in the current school year, or is enclosed with the current IEP. Parents must be given a hardcopy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education, therefore just providing them on a web site address, does not meet this requirement.

A copy of the procedural safeguards available to the parents of a child with a disability shall be given to the parents, 1 time per year, except that a copy also shall be given to the parents--

- (A) upon initial referral or parental request for evaluation;*
- (B) upon the first occurrence of the filing of a complaint under subsection (b)(6);*
- (C) upon request by a parent. (H.R. 1350 Section 615(d)(1)(A)); and*
- (D) upon a change in placement resulting from a disciplinary action.*

**Parent
Resources**

If parents need assistance in understanding the provisions of IDEA, they may contact their child's principal, the district's special education director or CT's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center (CPAC at 800-445-2722). For a copy of "A Parent's Guide to Special Education in Connecticut" (in Spanish and English) and other resources contact SERC at (800-842-8678) or go to: <http://www.ctserc.org> or <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&Q=320730>.

4 & 5

PRESENT LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE

General Information

This page is the initial page of the actual IEP and should be completed for every child eligible for special education and related services. *Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance* should be used to provide a holistic view of the student through a variety of means, including current classroom-based assessments, district and/or state assessments, and classroom-based observations, which includes parent, student and general education teacher input in all relevant areas. The determination of the student's present level of performance should use a variety of technically sound assessment tools and strategies to gather academic and functional information. The evaluation must not discriminate on a racial or cultural basis. The evaluation must include the assessment of a student in his/her native language.

The analysis of the data and information presented regarding the student's present level of performance must directly assist the PPT in determining the educational needs of a student in relationship to the student's involvement and progress in the general curriculum or appropriate preschool activities. The assessment data used, may vary depending on whether this is an initial evaluation, annual review, or a reevaluation. Standardized assessments may not necessarily provide the adequate information needed to determine the educational needs of a student in relationship to the general curriculum. A comprehensive evaluation should include other assessments to capture academic achievement and related developmental needs. Therefore, curriculum-based assessments, portfolios, running record, student work, etc. may be appropriate information sources for identifying present levels of academic and functional performance in relation to general education curriculum.

If this is a reevaluation, an annual review, or a revision of a current IEP, the student's current level of performance should include a description of the student's progress toward meeting the annual goals of the current/previous IEP.

It is particularly important that this page include student strengths, as well as areas of concern that were identified during the assessment, including parent, student and general education teacher input on strengths and concerns. When completing this page, the PPT should focus on how the student's strengths and concerns/needs affect the student's involvement and progress in the general curriculum. As part of the process of defining the student's current level of performance, the PPT should identify what the student currently knows and can do.

This page is important to the development of the IEP as it defines the need for specialized instruction and determines how that specialized instruction should look in terms of goals, supports, and services. The remaining pages of the IEP should be directly aligned with the information on this page. **Pages 4 and 5** are intended to provide a place for the PPT to include a general summary of performance levels rather than to provide a detailed report of all evaluation results. Detailed evaluation information should be found in separate evaluation reports. For any data that is recorded on **Pages 4 and 5** the PPT must document the source of the data (classroom-based assessments, district and/or state assessments, and classroom-based observations, parent, student and general education teacher input, etc.).

Parent and Student Input and Concerns

The input and concerns from parents and students must be considered in the development of the IEP. The PPT should specifically record input from parents and student. For example, 1) the parent is concerned that their child needs a hands-on approach in science class rather than a lecture style and 2) the parent shares that their child has made good progress in both reading and math this school year.

Academic and
Functional
Performance
Areas

The focus of this column should be how the student is currently performing. The statements written in this column should clearly articulate what the student currently knows and can do in relationship to his/her involvement and progress in general curriculum or appropriate preschool activities. If the student is performing at the appropriate age/grade level, the PPT can record that information as such. Not every Area of Academic and Functional Performance listed on pages 4 and 5 of the IEP needs to be completed across the entire row. Complete "only those areas that meet the child's needs that result from the child's disability to enable the child to be involved in or make progress in the general education curriculum; and meet each of the other needs that result from their child's disability." (§614(d)(1)(A)(i)(ii)) If the student's present levels of performance represent a discrepancy between the age/grade level expectation and performance, the PPT should provide details in this column. If the student's present level of performance includes the use of supplemental aids and services, the PPT can record that information. Generalized psychological data (e.g., WISC, etc.) that does not neatly fit into a specific area can be reported under "other" on **Page 5**.

Strengths

Strengths may include a relatively strong area for the student; a strength when compared to peers, or particular motivational or interest area. Statements about the student's strengths can support instructional decisions related to motivation, learning styles, and learning preferences. If the student's strength is supported by the use of supplemental aids and services including assistive technology, the PPT can record that information. For example, "when using a slant board, the student can write legibly."

**Concerns/
Needs (requiring
specialized
Instruction)**

The PPT uses the information provided by the parents and student and the information provided in the first two columns of "Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance" as the basis for making decisions related to *Concerns/Needs* to be addressed in the current IEP. Issues that are identified as a concern/need should result in corresponding goals and objectives. According to H.R. 1350 Section 614(d)(1)(A)(i)(II), goals and objectives are designed to meet the child's needs that result from the child's disability. Therefore, the concerns/needs detailed in this column which have a marked impact on the child's educational performance and requires specialized instruction should result in a corresponding annual goal. If there are concerns raised that do not rise to the level of needing specialized instruction, then the PPT may note these under options discussed and considered by the PPT but rejected in favor of the proposed actions and should be recorded on **Page 3: Prior Written Notice**.

**Impact of the
Student's
Disability on
Involvement in
the General
Curriculum or
Participation in
Appropriate
Preschool
Activities**

Care should be taken to describe how the student's disability specifically impacts her/his involvement and progress in the general curriculum or participation in appropriate preschool activities. In completing the *Concerns/Needs* and *Impact of the Student's Disability on Involvement and Progress in the General Curriculum or Appropriate Preschool Activities* columns, it may help to think in terms of "if-then" statements. (i.e., if there is a concern, then what is the impact on the student's participation and progress in that area?) To illustrate, for a high school student with a learning disability, one might indicate "that the student's level of decoding skills and reading rate make it difficult for her to complete independent reading assignments in the content areas and require accommodations to such assignments". For a student with significant language and motor delays, one might indicate that "the severity of language and motor delays limits the student's understanding of oral and written language and limits written expression to such an extent that he cannot participate in written and oral activities in the classroom without accommodations and modifications."

For students who are placed in an out-of-district placement (e.g., RESC or Approved Private Special Education Programs) the impact statement continues to refer to the student's involvement and progress in the general education curriculum or appropriate preschool activities referenced back to the placing District. The impact of the disability may be so great to require curricular modifications and behavioral accommodations that cannot be met in the public school setting.

The goals and objectives are directly related to the concerns and build on strengths. The level, intensity, and type of special education supports and services are determined by the goals and objectives. The *Program Accommodations and Modifications (Page 8)* are developed to address the impact the student's disability has on participation and progress in general education curriculum or participation in preschool activities.

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TRANSITION PLANNING (Revised February 2009)

General Information

Transition planning and related goals and objectives are an integral part of the IEP beginning at the annual review following a student's 15th birthday, or earlier if determined appropriate by the PPT, and annually thereafter. If the student has not reached the age of 15 and transition planning is not required or appropriate at this time, check the box for not applicable. If this is either the first IEP to be in effect when the student turns 16 (or younger if transition planning is needed) or the student is 16 or older and transition planning is required, check the second box.

Student Preferences/Interests

Item 2 is included to ensure that students are **actively** involved in planning for their secondary program as it relates to postsecondary education or training, employment and independent living (which incorporates community participation). Personal interviews, informal/formal assessment, comments at PPT meetings and functional vocational assessments are necessary to identify student interests/preferences as they relate to IEP transition planning. In the space following Item 2a, please indicate whether the student was invited to attend her/his PPT meeting. After Item 2b, please indicate if the student DID attend her/his PPT meeting. These two items will be collected as new transition data points in SEDAC. In the space following "Other" in Item 2c, the team should document the activities undertaken including, but not limited to, career exploration activities, job shadowing, situational assessments, and parent interviews, that were used to identify preferences/interests as they relate to transition planning. After Item 2d a brief summary of the student's interests and preferences should be provided.

Age-Appropriate Transition Assessment

Item 3 is included to ensure that a student's interests, preferences, strengths and needs are assessed on an on-going basis and the results are used to develop and identify appropriate, measurable annual IEP goals with short-term objectives and transition services. After Item 3, please indicate the name(s) and date(s) of any age-appropriate transition assessments administered since the last PPT meeting. Results from these assessments may be recorded as present levels of performance on pages 4 and 5 of the current IEP and should be used to develop Post-School Outcome Goal Statements and annual IEP goals and objectives.

Agency Participation

Item 4 is included to provide evidence that the PPT has considered whether a representative of an outside agency/service is appropriate to be invited to participate in the transition planning and development of transition goals and services in a student's IEP (e.g., *postsecondary education, vocational education, integrated employment [including supported employment], adult services, independent living, community participation*). This ensures that the transition planning is comprehensive and well coordinated.

After Item 4a, please check "YES" if any representatives from outside agencies were invited to attend the PPT meeting and written consent was obtained from the parent/guardian or student (if over 18). Please note that an outside agency representative may NOT attend a PPT meeting without written permission. If the response is "NO," specify the reason for not inviting any outside agency representative. You MUST choose from the following choices for a "NO" response:

- 1.) **No, not appropriate** to invite a representative from an outside agency;
- 2.) **No, written consent to invite a representative was not provided** - (inviting an outside agency may be appropriate but written consent was not granted); or
- 3.) **No, no outside agency was invited.** (This was not done by the district.)

Item 4c provides a place for the PPT to describe any services or linkages that participating agencies have agreed to provide.

Post-School Outcome Goal Statement(s) and Transition Services

Item 5 provides the team with key transition information related to a student's projected postsecondary goals as required by the IDEA (i.e., postsecondary education or training, employment and if determined appropriate by the PPT, independent living/community participation). In Connecticut's IEP, the "postsecondary goals" required by the IDEA are called

Post-School Outcome Goal Statements.

Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the student turns 16 or younger if determined appropriate by the PPT, EVERY student who has an IEP MUST have at least two Post-School Outcome Goal Statements and annual goals with short-term objectives: One Post-School Outcome Goal Statement and annual goal with short-term objectives must be related to postsecondary education or training and a second Post-School Outcome Goal Statement and annual goal with short-term objectives must be related to employment. If independent living is determined by the PPT to be an appropriate postsecondary goal area for a student, he/she must also have a Post-School Outcome Goal Statement and annual goal with short-term objectives related to independent living.

Post-School Outcome Goal Statements (PSOGS) must be written as measurable statements that are generally understood to refer to those goals that a student hopes to achieve after leaving secondary school (IDEA 2004 Part B Regulations, 34 C.F.R. §300.320(b)). Each PSOGS must include a phrase such as "After graduation," or "Upon exiting high school". A Post-School Outcome Goal Statement does NOT include the *process* of pursuing or moving toward a desired outcome. For example, "After high school John will explore attending a four-year college" is NOT an appropriate PSOGS because "exploring" is a process and cannot be measured as completed or not completed. "John will attend a competitive four-year college after graduating from high school" is a good example of a PSOGS that deals with postsecondary education or training. Additional examples of postsecondary goals/PSOGS may be found in the Indicator 13 training section of the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC) website: http://www.nsttac.org/tm_materials/Default.aspx.

For each PSOGS that is written in Items 5a, 5b, and 5c, there must be at least one annual goal with short-term objectives written on a goal page (page 7) of the student's IEP. The checkbox underneath that Item (5a, 5b, and 5c) must also be checked. Beginning with the October 2009 SEDAC data collection, all students whose IEP will be in effect when they turn 16 (or younger if determined appropriate by the PPT) must have at least two annual goals and related objectives in the area of transition: one annual goal related to the PSOGS about postsecondary education or training AND a second annual goal related to the PSOGS about employment. The student might also have at least one annual goal with short-term objectives related to the PSOGS about independent living if determined appropriate by the PPT.

All items on page 6 of the IEP must be completed at the Annual Review when the student is 15-years-old so that it is in place on his/her 16th birthday (or younger if the PPT determined that transition services are needed prior to age 16). Every IEP that includes transition goals and objectives is considered to be a "Transition IEP" and all items in the IEP must contribute to helping a student move toward meeting his/her postsecondary goals (i.e., Post-School Outcome Goal Statements).

Course of Study

All items on page 6 address the requirements that for all students receiving special education and related services, the IEP developed at the annual review following their 15th birthday and all subsequent IEPs MUST reflect consideration of the need for transition services. The IEP must include appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to postsecondary education or training, employment, and, if appropriate, independent living skills. For some students, specific skills training may not be needed in the area of *Independent Living* that now incorporates *Community Participation*. When appropriate, a student's program should include both instruction (school-based activities) and community experiences (community-based activities).

Item 6 provides information regarding how a student's course of study is related to her/his postsecondary goals and Post-School Outcome Goal Statements. Check the first box in Item 6 if a student is currently in a course of study (including general education activities) that is needed to assist the student in reaching his/her transition goals and includes classes that are contributing credits necessary for the student to obtain a high school diploma. Elaborate on the specifics of that course of study as it relates to the student's Post-School Outcome Goal Statements and annual goals. If a student has completed academic requirements and has amassed sufficient credits to obtain a high school diploma, has no academic course of study and is only working on IEP annual goals with short-term objectives related to secondary transition, check the second box in Item 6.

NOTE: Such students may also have functional academic goals as part of their transition planning.

Transfer of Rights

IDEA requires that at least one year prior to reaching age 18, the student be informed of her/his rights under IDEA that will transfer to her/him at age 18.

Summary of Performance

The *Summary of Performance* must be completed for a student whose eligibility under special education will terminate the following year due to graduation with a regular education diploma or due to exceeding the age of eligibility. The team must identify and record the date by which the *Summary of Performance* will be completed in the following year. The *Summary of Performance* must be reviewed with the student and parent/guardian, but does not need to be addressed in a formal PPT meeting.

Objective #2 Given a fraction word problem, [student's name] will read the problem (or have the problem read to her/him) and give a written description of all the steps that must be taken to correctly solve the problem.

For Objective #2 of Goal #1, one might select "9" [Work Samples, Job Performance or Products] from the *Evaluation Procedures* table and enter it on the *Eval. Procedures* line; select "1" [CMT Scoring Criteria] from the *Performance Criteria* table and enter it on the *Perf. Criteria* line; and then enter "Score of 1 or higher" on the (% , Trials, etc.) line. This would indicate that this objective will be successfully met when work samples reviewed by the teacher demonstrate that the student can read a written problem (or have the problem read to her/him) and write a description of all of the steps that must be taken to correctly solve the problem scoring a 1 or better according to the CMT Scoring Criteria for math.

Goal #2 Given his/her interest and skills, [Student name] will investigate two jobs and determine what kind of post secondary training or education is required for each job.

Objective #1 Given a copy of the local newspaper, [student name] will select two job descriptions that meet his/her interest from the want ads and underline the words that describe the skills or requirements for each job.

For Objective #2 of Goal #2, one might select "6" [Project/Experiment/Portfolio] from the *Evaluation Procedures* table and enter it on the *Eval. Procedures* line; select "G" [Successful Completion of Task/Activity] from the *Performance Criteria* table and enter it on the *Perf. Criteria* line; and then enter "100%" on the (% , Trials, etc.) line, indicating that the task has been successfully completed when the project reflects that the student has selected two job descriptions that meet his/her interest from the want ads and has underlined the words that describe the skills or requirements for each job.

**Evaluation
Procedures and
Performance
Criteria**

The sections entitled *Evaluation Procedures* and *Performance Criteria* are designed so that one can select an evaluation procedure for both the goal statement and also for each of the objectives. Currently, Connecticut regulations require short term objectives derived from the annual educational goals for all students that have an IEP and that evaluation procedures and performance criteria be specified for all short term objectives. The annual goal may be measured in terms of the achievement of the short term objectives that are written to address the goal or separate evaluation procedures may be utilized for the goal. Evaluation procedures and performance criteria should be individually determined based on the student's present levels of academic and functional performance and the task demands of general education or appropriate preschool activities.

To the right of each *Goal* and *Objective* field, space is provided to indicate the Evaluation Procedure (*Eval. Procedure*) and Performance Criterion (*Perf. Criteria*) to be utilized with the *Goal* or *Objective*. If it is necessary to specify a percent change, number of trials, standard score increase, months growth, etc., space is provided in the field labeled (% , Trials, etc.). When taken as a whole, the evaluation procedures, performance criteria and goals/objectives should be compatible, aligned, and clear.

**Reporting
Progress**

The area at the bottom of the page entitled *Progress Reporting Key* lists letters and corresponding terms to be used to indicate whether or not progress is sufficient to achieve the goal by the end of the IEP, e.g., M = Mastered, S = Satisfactory Progress - Likely to Achieve Goal, U = Unsatisfactory Progress - Unlikely to Achieve goal, etc. (Note: This reporting key is utilized for both goals and objectives.) When selecting *Other* to report progress, the district must specify what "other" means.

In the four columns on the right side of the page, space is provided to report on progress toward both the goal and objectives (see example below). In the shaded boxes immediately under the heading *Enter Dates For Evaluating and Reporting Progress in Boxes Below*, space is provided to enter up to eight dates for progress reporting. The boxes provided next to the measurable annual goal and next to each of the three objectives can then be used to record evaluation

results for each of the dates entered in the set of shaded boxes at the top of the page. (Note: It is important that these reporting dates be entered when the IEP is written so that parents will know when to expect reports on their child's progress. The dates entered should be consistent with **Page 10** of the IEP.)

The sample that follows has been completed to illustrate how this section might look at the end of a school year, assuming progress is being reported consistent with quarterly report cards. In the lower set of boxes, the *NI*, *S* and *M* stand for *Not Introduced*, *Satisfactory Progress - Likely to Achieve Goal*, and *Mastered*, respectively. Again, the position of these progress indicators in the lower boxes corresponds to the dates for the reporting periods entered in the top set of boxes. To illustrate, for the 4/30 Progress Report, the student was making satisfactory progress, as indicated by the "S" in the box that corresponds to that date (box #3).

| Enter Dates for Evaluating and Reporting Progress in Boxes Below | | | |
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| 1 | 11/28 | 2 | 2/2 |
| 3 | 4/30 | 4 | 6/15 RC |
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| Report Progress Below (Use Reporting Key) | | | |
| 1 | NI | 2 | S |
| 3 | S | 4 | M |
| 5 | | 6 | |

Transition Goals and Objectives

For students who have transition goals and objectives (mandatory for any student whose IEP will be in effect when she/he turns 16 or older and may apply to younger students if determined appropriate by a PPT), there must be a minimum of two (2) annual goal pages (page 7) related to transition in every IEP (effective as of the October 1, 2009 data collection): One annual goal page for postsecondary education or training and one annual goal page for employment. (The student might also have at least one annual goal with short-term objectives related to the PSOGS about independent living if determined appropriate by the PPT.) In addition, for all students age 15 or older (so that the IEP will be in place on the student's 16th birthday), all items on **Page 6, Transition Planning**, must be completed and the box located above the *Measurable Annual Goal* heading (on Page 7) must be checked as noted below.

Check here if the student is 15 or older. (Note: **Page 6, Transition Planning** must be completed if this box is checked)

For every Post-School Outcome Goal Statement written in Items 5a, 5b, and 5c on Page 6 of the IEP ("Transition Planning"), the appropriate box for annual goals and related objectives under that PSOGS must be checked and the checkbox for the same goal area must also be checked on the top of Page 7. Since every student must have a PSOGS for postsecondary education or training on Page 6, the postsecondary education/training box must be checked at the top of page 7 and at least one annual goal with short-term objectives must be written for that goal area. As there must also be a second PSOGS in the area of employment, at least one annual goal with short-term objectives must be written on another page 7 for that goal area with the appropriate box checked. (There must also be an annual goal with short-term objectives written in the area of independent living [and the independent living box checked at the top of Page 7] if the PPT has determined that a PSOGS in the area of independent living is appropriate for the student.)

To appropriately incorporate annual goals related to a student's PSOGS, the checkboxes at the top of page 7 of the IEP related to secondary transition are now as follows: Postsecondary education/training; employment; and independent living (which incorporates community participation).

NOTE: For students aged 16 – 21 who are working on transition goals (i.e., postsecondary education/training, employment and if appropriate, independent living), MORE than one box may be checked for **each** annual goal as some goals may relate to transition as well as to one or more of the other categories noted at the top of page 7. In addition, since transition areas are not directly correlated with state curriculum standards and many students receive the majority of their instruction in general education classrooms, some transition goals and objectives may be

addressed within general education. For example, a student may be working on an annual goal in the area of self-advocacy. The checkboxes for Academic/Cognitive or Communication as well as Postsecondary Education/Training may be appropriately checked since a student who is planning to attend college or receive further training will have to know how to advocate for him/herself in order to receive disability-related accommodations and/or services. Similarly, a student may be working on an annual goal related to functional math skills; this goal may relate to the Academic/Cognitive, Employment and Independent Living categories.

General Information

IDEA 2004 places an emphasis on involving children with disabilities in the general curriculum, including appropriate preschool activities. H.R. 1350 Section 614(d)(IV) requires the IEP to include a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the child to:

- advance appropriately toward attaining his/her annual goals;
- be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum;
- participate in extracurricular and other non-academic activities; and
- be educated and participate with other children with and without disabilities.

Program accommodations and modifications must be specific and appropriate to meet the needs of the child as defined in the IEP. The purpose of accommodations and modifications is to enable the child to advance appropriately toward attaining his/her annual goals; to be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum; to participate in extracurricular and other non-academic activities; and to be educated and participate with other children with and without disabilities. Accommodations are changes to instruction (such as materials, content enhancements, and tasks) that change *how* a student learns. Accommodations may include assistive technology devices and services. An assistive technology device is any piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of a child with a disability. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of that device [H.R. 1350 Section 602(1)]. An assistive technology service is any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device [H.R. 1350 Section 602(2)]. Modifications are changes to the content, which affect *what* the student learns. Modifications include curricular changes in the content standards or the performance expectations. For example, the content standard may be that students will learn multiplication facts and the performance standard is that the students will achieve mastery of the multiplication facts 0-9. A continuum of accommodations should be used and evaluated for their effectiveness before moving to modifications.

This page must be completed for all general as well as special education instruction as appropriate. When the PPT determines the special education and related services a student will receive, it must also (1) consider the accommodations and modifications, including those for nonacademic and extracurricular activities, that the student requires, and (2) the supports required for school personnel to implement the IEP.

Accommodations, Modifications, and Assistive Technology Devices and Services

This section is broken down into specific areas for accommodation and modification considerations. The PPT should list the specific accommodations, assistive technology devices and services, and modifications as they relate to the individual needs of the student listed on **Pages 4 and 5**, as well as the goals and objectives written on **Page 7**.

Many accommodations are effective instructional practices and are used for all students by effective teachers; however, it should be noted that the distinction between accommodations and effective instructional strategies is what an individual child needs as a result of his/her disability and must have in order to be involved and progress in general education curriculum. For example, highlighting key vocabulary words is an effective instructional strategy that most teachers employ as part of their practice; however, this specific student with a learning disability must have key words highlighted. So, although highlighting key words is something that is already done in the seventh grade classroom, the PPT should record that this student must have key words highlighted in order to ensure that this accommodation is provided. Conversely, not all effective instructional strategies, although they enhance the instruction of the student with a disability, are necessary to address the student's needs. For example, in the case of a student with an emotional disturbance, having a study guide for tests is a good practice for learning,

however, based on the PPTs assessment of the student's progress and present level of performance, it is not required in order to address the student's specific learning needs as they relate to the student's disability. PPTs should be judicious in the decisions regarding accommodations, assistive technology, and modifications in order to ensure that the selection specifically addresses the learning needs of an individual student as they relate to the disability and the participation and progress in general education curriculum, appropriate preschool activities, extra-curricular and non-academic activities, and participation with students without disabilities.

**Sites/Activities
where Required**

When completing **Page 8**, make certain to utilize the column entitled *Sites/Activities Where Required and Duration* to indicate the *site or activity* where the selected accommodations/modifications are required and the duration of these accommodations/modifications. For example, for Behavioral Interventions and Support, the PPT might recommend a behavior intervention plan for "all classes for the entire year", while for accommodations to *Tests/Quizzes/Assessments*, the PPT might recommend reading the test and quizzing aloud to the student for "language arts classes for the first semester". When completing this section, the most common error is a failure to indicate the duration of recommended accommodations/modifications. Simply writing "All classes" in this space is not sufficient. The correct entry would be, in its simplest form, "All classes, all year." Similarly, for support in an extracurricular activity, the PPT might select a peer support in the *Other* section and then specify that this adaptation is required for "drama club for the entire year". For a student whose behavior is disruptive in unstructured settings, the PPT might recommend cueing the expected behavior and proximity touch control in the Behavioral Interventions and Support section, and then specify that these accommodations are required for the settings under which they are necessary. The PPT should consider how the accommodations/modifications or assistive technology devices and services will appropriately serve the specific needs of the student in the various types of settings and activities that student will encounter throughout the school day and year. Not all the items need to be implemented all day long for every school setting or activity. As in the selection of accommodations/modifications and assistive technology devices and services, assuming that every item should be implemented all the time in every setting may result in poor, rather than effective implementation of an IEP, and create an unnecessary dependence on the accommodation/modification/assistive technology device or service.

**Required Supports
for Personnel**

Federal law requires the IEP to include supports that staff might need in order to implement this IEP. With respect to *Frequency and Duration of Supports Required for School Personnel to Implement this IEP*, the following are examples of supports that might be specified in this section: (1) "All staff who will work with [student's name] should receive ten hours of disability-specific training in the area of Autism. This training should be provided during the first two weeks of school by [title, role, or competency area of person providing training]"; (2) "An instructional assistant (paraprofessional) to be provided to assist the teacher of each general education class which the student attends between now and the next PPT scheduled for January 15, 2007"; (3) "The school psychologist will collaborate with [child's name] teacher for 20 minutes per week for the first six weeks of school to cooperatively plan activities which will encourage [child's name] to establish and maintain friendships with classmates"; or (4) "All staff who require [student's name] to complete written assignments or provide [student's name] with support during the completion of written assignments will receive at least 4 hours of training in the use of text to speech and work prediction software. Follow-up support will be provided throughout the school year."

Typically, these supports are in the form of teacher training, paraprofessional support in the classroom or consultation by a special education teacher or related services provider. See page 21 *Responsible Staff and Service Implementer* for a discussion of paraprofessional support.

Frequently Used Accommodations and Modifications

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| Materials/Books/Equipment: | | | |
| Access to Computer | Calculator | Manipulatives | Supplementary Visuals |
| Alternative Text | Consumable Workbook | Speech to Text Devices | Highlighted or Color Coded Texts |
| Alternative Worksheets | Large Print Text | Spell Check | Word prediction or Voice Recognition Software |
| Tests/Quizzes/Assessments: | | | |
| Alternative Tests | Oral Testing | Simplify Test Wording | |
| Extra Credit Options | Pace Long Term Projects | Student Write on Test | |
| Hands-on Projects | Preview Test Procedures | Test Study Guide | |
| Limited Multiple Choice | Prior Notice of Tests | Extra Time–Tests/Projects/Written Work | |
| Objective Tests | Reduced Reading | Rephrase Test Questions/Directions | |
| Orally Read Tests/Directions | Shortened Tasks | | |
| Grading: | | | |
| Audit Course | No Handwriting Penalty | Modified Grades Based on IEP | |
| Grade Improvement | Pass/Fail | | |
| Organization: | | | |
| Assignment Pad | Desktop List of Tasks | List Sequential Steps | Provide Study Outlines |
| Assign Partner | Electronic Organizers | Pencil Box for Tools | Templates for Written Work |
| Daily Assignment List | Extra Space for Work | Post Assignments | Give One Paper or Section at a Time |
| Daily Homework List | Folders to Hold Work | Post Routines | |
| Environment: | | | |
| Adaptive Work Space | Preferential Seating | Minimizing or Structure transitions | |
| Clear Work Area | Study Carrel | Reduction of auditory or visual stimulation | |
| Behavior Intervention/Support: | | | |
| Behavior Contracts | De-escalation Strategies | Set/Post Class Rules | |
| Break Between Tasks | Emergency Plan | Chart Progress and Maintain Data | |
| Contingency Plan | Peer Supports/Mentoring | Modeling Expected Behavior by Adults | |
| Cue Expected Behavior | Positive Reinforcement | Parent/Guardian Sign Homework | |
| Daily Feedback to Student | Proximity/Touch Control | Parent/Guardian Sign Behavioral Chart | |
| Instructional Strategies: | | | |
| Assign Study Partner | Immediate Feedback | Provide Models | Have Student Restate Information |
| Check Work in Progress | Mimed Clues/Gestures | Review Directions | Provide Notes/Outline to Student |
| Concrete Examples | Multi-Sensory Approach | Review Sessions | Provide Student With Vocabulary Word Bank |
| Cueing/Prompts | Number Line | Use Manipulatives | Support Auditory Presentations with Visuals |
| Extra Drill/Practice | Personalized Examples | Use Mnemonics | Visuals to Support Instruction |
| Highlight Key Words | Pre-teach Content | Computer Supported Instruction | |

Completion

Page 9 must be completed for all students.

CMT/CAPT Participation

Check one box to indicate the grade in which the student will be at the start of the CMT/CAPT testing window. Boxes for “Grade 10 (Retest)”, “Grade 11” and “Grade 12” are provided for a student scheduled to retake the CAPT in the year he or she is repeating tenth-grade or is in a higher grade. If the student will be in a grade lower than third, in ninth grade, or higher than tenth and not retaking the CAPT, check the box labeled “Grades PK-2, 9 or 11-12; testing not required”.

CMT/CAPT Assessment Options

All special education students in the grades to be tested must participate in state testing using one of the three following assessment options:

1. the standard CMT or CAPT;
2. the CMT or CAPT Modified Assessment System (MAS) for reading and/or math along with the standard CMT or CAPT for all other tests; or,
3. the CMT or CAPT Skills Checklist.

Eligibility for the CMT/CAPT (MAS) should be determined by the PPT using the CMT/CAPT (MAS) PPT Eligibility Worksheet and FAQs document available on the State Department of Education Website at: www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/mas/index.htm. The completed worksheet will be used as the source document for the required online registration of all students being assessed using the CMT/CAPT (MAS) and a copy should be provided to the district test coordinator. **A PPT decision to assess the student using the CMT (MAS) or CAPT (MAS) must be recorded on page 3 of the IEP (Prior Written Notice).**

For details on other testing options, refer to the *Assessment Guidelines for Administering the Connecticut Mastery Test and/or Connecticut Academic Performance Test* found on the CSDE Website at: www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/agl/index.htm.

CMT/CAPT Administration Options

Accommodations may be provided for the standard CMT/CAPT and for the CMT/CAPT (MAS). (See below for additional information on accommodations.)

A student identified as having limited English proficiency AND who has attended school in the U.S. (the 50 states and District of Columbia only) for less than 12 months is allowed a one-time only **ELL exemption from reading and writing tests**. The exempted student must take an English proficiency assessment (the Language Assessment Scales (LAS Links)). The student may be given an exemption for *only one* administration of the CMT or CAPT and may not be exempted again in subsequent years. **Students meeting the criteria for the ELL exemption are not required to take the reading and writing tests, but must take all other CMT or CAPT tests.** For further information, please see Connecticut’s English Language Learner Exemption Guidelines for CMT and CAPT at: www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?A=2618&Q=320820.

Districtwide Assessment Participation

If districtwide assessments are not scheduled for all students of the same age/grade during the term of the IEP, check the box labeled “N/A”.

In all instances where a student is exempted from a district-wide assessment, the PPT must determine how the student will otherwise be assessed. A statement must be provided as to why the child cannot participate in the standard assessment and why the alternate assessment specified is appropriate for the child.

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| <p>Specifying Accommodations</p> | <p>A CMT or CAPT Test Accommodations Form is required for each student that will be given accommodations for the standard CMT/CAPT or the CMT/CAPT (MAS). The form does not need to be completed for students who are assessed with the Skills Checklist or for students who do not require testing accommodations. The Test Accommodations Form should be completed by the district, special education facility or Regional Education Service Center (RESC) attended by the student. The Test Accommodations Forms and directions for completing them can be found on the State Department of Education Website at: http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/agl/data_entry.htm. The completed form should be attached to the IEP and a copy given to the district test coordinator. Please call (860) 713-6860 for questions related to CMT accommodations and (860) 713-6890 for questions related to the CAPT accommodations.</p> |
| <p>Allowable Accommodations</p> | <p>All of the allowable accommodations for the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) are listed within the grids on the Test Accommodations Forms. Not all accommodations are permitted for all subtests. The complete list of accommodations and the parameters for their use can be found in the State Department of Education publication entitled <i>Assessment Guidelines for Administering the Connecticut Mastery Test and/or Connecticut Academic Performance Test</i>. The <i>Assessment Guidelines</i> can be found on the State Department of Education Website at: www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/agl/index.htm</p> |
| <p>Electronic Submission of Accommodations</p> | <p>The Bureau of Student Assessment must be notified of all accommodations for students in Grades 3 through 8 and 10. For a student being retested above Grade 10, the Bureau needs to be notified only when the student will receive the following accommodations: Braille, large print, voice recognition and/or word processor. Notification is accomplished through electronic submission of the student's CMT or CAPT Test Accommodations Form. The paper form may be completed at any time by a PPT, but the information on the form must be submitted electronically at www.cttestaccommodations.net prior to test administration.</p> <p>Please call (860) 713-6860 or (860) 713-6890 with specific technical questions related to the submission of CMT and CAPT accommodations information on the accommodations website.</p> |
| <p>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)</p> | <p>Each year some Connecticut schools are selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The NAEP is administered by the United States Department of Education as a means of monitoring educational attainment on a national basis. Representative samples of fourth, eighth and twelfth-graders in cooperating states and territories of the United States are tested in selected content areas. In odd-numbered years (e.g., 2011, 2013), the number of participating schools is increased and the results are used to assess achievement for the state as a whole. Since it is critical that participants accurately represent Connecticut's public school population, some students with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency will be included in the testing.</p> <p>Although the NAEP does not offer an alternate assessment for these students, most of the accommodations that may be given for the CMT and CAPT are also available for the NAEP. It is important to recognize that the NAEP is not administered in every grade and that not every student in a tested grade will participate. Due to this limited participation, the close alignment of allowable accommodations across tests and the similar test formats (i.e., multiple choice and short and extended constructed response items), it is not necessary for PPTs to specify accommodations for the NAEP separately. As standard practice, a student participating in the NAEP should be provided with the same accommodations (as appropriate) that the student would be given when taking the CMT or CAPT.</p> <p>Please contact Renée Savoie, NAEP State Coordinator, at (860) 713-6858 with specific questions regarding NAEP.</p> |

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SPECIAL FACTORS, PROGRESS REPORTING, EXIT CRITERIA

**General
Information
Related to
Special
Factors**

Items 1-4 provide a place for the district to document that the PPT has complied with IDEA 04, that the team "...(i) in the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior; (ii) in the case of a child with limited English proficiency, consider the language needs of the child as such needs relate to the child's IEP; (iii) in the case of a child who is blind or visually impaired, provide for instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP Team determines, after an evaluation of the child's reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media (including an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the child; (iv) consider the communication needs of the child, and in the case of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, consider the child's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode; and (v) consider whether the child needs assistive technology devices and services." (H.R. 1350 Section. 614 (c) (B))

**Progress
Reporting**

IDEA 04 requires the PPT to describe when periodic reports on the progress the child is making toward meeting the annual goals will be provided. (H.R. 1350 Section 614(d)(1)(A)(i)(III))

Exit Criteria

Exit Criteria applies to every special education student, not just students now being exited. This field indicates the anticipated criteria to be used in the future which will determine that the student no longer requires special education services.

General
Information

The intent of **Page 11** is to give the reader a “snapshot” view of the service provisions of the student’s IEP. It includes a description of:

- Special Education Services;
- Related Services;
- Participation in the regular education curriculum;
- Service time requirements; and
- Least Restrictive Environment information.

Special
Education
Service

Special Education Service, sometimes referred to as “specially designed instruction”, is an instructional service (e.g., *language arts instruction* or *math instruction*) delivered by a certified teacher or someone under the direction of a certified teacher (e.g., an instructional aide or paraprofessional). If a “resource room” teacher provides instruction in a regular education classroom, this is still considered special education hours, but the *Instructional Site* would be “1”.

Related
Services

Although a Related Service need not have its own **Page 7** Goal, each Related Service needs to support one of the **Page 7** Goals. H.R. 1350 Section 602 (26)(A) and (B) defines *related services* as:

“The term ‘related services’ means transportation, and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services (including speech-language pathology and audiology services, interpreting services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, social work services, school nurse services designed to enable a child with a disability to receive a free appropriate public education as described in the individualized education program of the child, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, orientation and mobility services, and medical services, except that such medical services shall be for diagnostic and evaluation purposes only) as may be required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes the early identification and assessment of disabling conditions in children.”(A) “The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of such device.” (B)

Frequency

Frequency may be indicated in a way that most accurately reflects the service implementation (i.e., 3 hours/week, 2, 45 minute periods/week, 1 hour/month). Examples of non-acceptable entries are “once per week” or 3 times per month.

Responsible
Staff and
Service
Implementer

Although *Responsible Staff* and *Service Implementer* are two separate fields, they may or may not be the same person. Only provider roles or titles (e.g. special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, etc.) are necessary, not the persons’ names. The use of the generic phrase “special education staff” is not acceptable. For example, if the service implementer is a paraprofessional, that needs to be clearly identified. Responsible staff is the professional(s) responsible for designing specially designed instruction, monitoring the implementation of the IEP and reporting progress towards achievement of the annual goals. Service Implementers are the school staff responsible for direct instruction and implementation of the IEP goals and objectives.

If an Instructional Assistant/Paraprofessional is utilized to provide support to a classroom of students (e.g., a “classroom paraprofessional”), the Planning and Placement Team should record this on **Page 8** under *Frequency and Duration of Supports Required for School Personnel to Implement this IEP*. If, on the other hand, an Instructional Assistant/Paraprofessional is being utilized to provide specially designed instruction or a related

service to a child under the supervision of a certified or licensed service provider (i.e., a “one-to-one paraprofessional”), this service should be recorded under the *Special Education Service* or *Related Services* heading, as appropriate, in the grid at the top of **Page 11**. If the Instructional Assistant/Paraprofessional time is reported here, the title of the certified or licensed staff member who is supervising the provision of these services must be included in the *Staff Responsible* field. The *Service Implementer* field would be the Instructional Assistant/Paraprofessional and the certified staff person. The amount of time each implementer will work directly with the child should be specified under *Description of Instructional Service Delivery*. See the examples that follow.

Start and End Date

The start date is the date that the services related to a specific goal and objective in the IEP will begin. Specific special education and related services may begin at different times. The end date is the date that specific services related to a specific IEP goal will end. Generally, but not always, services start and end consistent with the school calendar.

Instructional Site

The *Instructional Site* is not the program or the placement and should not be confused with *Program Location* (e.g. out-of state placement, magnet school, etc.). It is the setting at which the services will take place. The *Instructional Site* categories should be used for students ages 3-21. Report only one instructional site in the instructional site column. If a student receives some specialized instruction (e.g. math, goals 1 and 2) in the regular classroom and some specialized instruction (e.g. math, goals 1 and 2) in the resource room, report the services for both settings using two rows in the service delivery grid under Special Education Services. See the third example for clarification.

Description of Instructional Service Delivery

This section should be used as needed to describe delivery of instructional services that require further clarification. For example, if this is a co-taught class and the student is receiving services from both a general and an additional teacher, such as a special education teacher or related services professional, it may be helpful to designate “co-taught class”. In the case of a rotating schedule, the student may receive 5 periods during week 1 and then 4 periods during week 2. It may be helpful to designate “rotating schedule” in this column. It may also be helpful to use this column to record specific information about grouping arrangements, particularly with reference to related services, such as 1:1 or small group instruction.

Participation in General Education

Description of Participation in General Education is a brief statement of the extent of the student’s involvement in the general education curriculum (i.e., science, social studies, specials, lunch, etc.) for example: “The student will participate in fifth grade classes in math, language arts, p.e., music, art, science and social studies.”

S/L as a Special Education Service

Connecticut policy allows Speech/Language services to be a special education service or a related service. If Speech/Language is the primary service to the student, then it should be listed in the upper portion of the grid as a *Special Education Service*. If the Speech/Language service is assisting the student in benefiting from another special education service, then it should be listed in the lower portion of the grid as a *Related Service*. If the child’s disability is Speech or Language Impaired and the student has additional needs for specialized instruction, both speech and language services and specialized instruction are listed in the upper portion of the service delivery grid as special education services.

Note: Consultation Services

Goals are written for instructional/educational outcomes for students, not for services per se. Theoretically, a number of services could satisfy any particular instructional goal. Consultation services cannot stand alone as a sole service. There must be some direct student contact for instruction accompanying consultation. Consultation time (which is actually a support for the teacher) is listed on **Page 8** under *Frequency and Duration of Supports Required for School Personnel to Implement this IEP*.

Items 1 - 13

Items 1 to 13 must include a response.

Assistive Technology

If *Assistive Technology* is required, check the *Required* box in #1 and provide the detail on **Page 8: Accommodations/Modifications**.

Total School Hours per Week

This is defined as the total number of hours per week the student is required to be in attendance (i.e., the time during which, if the student is not present, s/he would be marked tardy or absent). *Total School Hours/Week* includes homeroom, hallway passing time, lunch and recess, etc. This is a weekly number, not a yearly number and therefore should not be confused with the "nine hundred hours of actual school work", which are required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-16. If a student's IEP includes a requirement for an extended day program, the time spent in that program should be included in *Total School Hours*. If a student's IEP provides for a shortened school day, then the *Total School Hours* should accurately reflect the shortened day.

Special Education Hours per Week

Special Education Hours/Week on **Page 11** should coincide with the total of the *Special Education Services* in the top portion of the grid, regardless of where that special education instruction takes place (e.g., in the classroom, the resource room, the community, etc.). This number of hours does not include related services hours. It will be necessary to convert *periods/day*, or *hours/month* to an *hours/week* format for Item #9.

Time with Non-disabled Peers

Item 10 is used to report the time the student will spend with nondisabled students. Sometimes, the special education and related services come to the child in the general education classroom.

The simplest way to calculate *Time with Non-disabled Peers* is:

Total School Hours - Service time outside of the regular class = *Time with Non-disabled Peers*

A student with 30 total school hours and zero (0) hours of service time outside of the general education class = 30 hours of *Time with Non-disabled Peers* (TWNDP). In a second example, a child with 30 total school hours and five (5) hours of service time outside of the regular class = 25 hours of *Time with Non-disabled Peers*. School staff is directed to Special Education Bureau Chief George P. Dowaliby's memo related to "Time with Non-Disabled Peers (TWNDP) Data Collection – Community-Based Job Placements and in Regular Classroom Settings" mailed to Directors of Special Education and Pupil Services on December 18, 2002.

The Department calculates the percentage of TWNDP, by dividing the TWNDP by the Total Hours. Thus, if a student spends 25 hours per week with non-disabled peers, out of 30 total school hours, the percent of TWNDP is 83%. If a student spends 5 hours per week with non-disabled peers, out of 30 total school hours, the percent of TWNDP is 17%.

The following three examples are provided to help you understand and report hours accurately, especially TWNDP. In the first example, hours and minutes are used; in the second, periods and rotating schedules are used; and in the third, the same math goals are delivered in two different sites to demonstrate using one site in the Instructional Site column.

Information in these three fields is reported in the Department's special education data collection, currently known as SEDAC. Please note that when information about hours is reported to the Department, minutes are reported as decimals and rounded up; thus 15 minutes is .25 but rounded up to .3; similarly 30 minutes is reported as .50; 45 minutes is reported as .75 but rounded to 8.

Example One – Hours and Minutes Reported

| Special Education Service | Goal # | Frequency | Responsible Staff | Service Implementer | Start Date | End Date | Site | If needed, description of instructional service delivery (e.g. small group, co-taught classes, etc.) |
|---|--|------------|---|--|------------|----------|------|--|
| Math Instruction | 5,6 | 2.5 hrs/wk | Special Education Teacher/General Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher/General Education Teacher | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 1 | Co-taught class |
| Reading | 7,8 | 2.5 hrs/wk | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | |
| Reading and Math Instruction | 5, 7 | 1 hr/day | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher | 6-20-06 | 8-10-06 | 5 | Summer Instruction* Not reported for TWNDP |
| Related Services | | | | | | | | |
| Speech/Language Services | 1,2,3 | 1 hr/wk | Speech/Language Pathologist | Speech/Language Pathologist | 9-27-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | Small group |
| Occupational Therapy Services | 4 | 1 hr/month | Occupational Therapist | Certified Occupational Therapist/OT Assistant | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | 1:1 (OT sees the student 1 hr every other month) |
| Physical Therapy Services | 9 | 30 min/wk | Physical Therapist | Physical Therapist | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 1 | During co-taught math class |
| Description of Participation in General Education | All curricula areas and school activities, except for 3 periods/week of unified arts | | | | | | | |
| 8. Total School Hours/Week: (Specify) 30 hours/week | 9 Special Education Hours/Week: (Specify) 5 hours/week | | | 10 Hours per week the student <u>will spend</u> with children/students who do not have disabilities (TWNDP): 26 hours 15 min <i>2 hrs 30 min + 60 min + 15 min = 225 min = 3 hrs 45 min</i> <i>30 hrs – 3 hrs 45 min = 26 hrs 15 min</i> | | | | |

* Summer hours do not count for items 8, 9 and 10.

In this example the PPT has recommended the following services:

- Two and half hours per week of specially designed instruction in the area of math (to address goals #5 and 6), which will be provided in the student’s regular classroom (Site 1) by the general education and special education teachers in a co-taught model;
- Two and half hours per week of specially designed instruction in the area of reading (to address goals #7 and 8), which will be provided in a resource room (Site 2) by a special education teacher;
- One hour per day of specially designed instruction during the summer (from June 20, 2003 through August 10, 2003) in the areas of reading and math (to address goals #5 and 7) which will be provided in the student’s home (In this example Site 5 is “Other” and the PPT would have entered “home” in the space provided in Item 5 in the Instructional Site section to the right of the grid, i.e., 5. *Other* _____ home _____);

- One hour per week of Speech/Language Services (to address goals #1, 2 and 3), which will be provided in the related services room (Site 2) by a Speech /Language Pathologist;
- One hour per month of Occupational Therapy Services (to address goal #4), which will be provided in the Resource/Related Service Room (Site 2) by a Certified Occupational Therapist and a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) working under the supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist;
- 30 minutes per week of Physical Therapy Services (to address goal #9), which will be provided in the general education classroom (Site 1) by a Physical Therapist; and

Note: (In some instances, a special education teacher and a related services provider are implementing a co-teaching model (i.e., both are providing services to the student simultaneously). In order to record this model on the grid on **Page 11** the amount of service the special education teacher is providing is indicated on the top portion of the grid, and the amount of service the related services person is providing is indicated on the bottom portion of the grid. Please note that, if added together, these two numbers will be more time than the actual seat time of the student. The grid indicates service delivery time, not student seat time.)

- Although this student is receiving accommodations and modifications for reading and math, she participates in all other school activities. In place of 3 unified arts periods/week, she receives Resource/SLP/OT/PT services instead.

Example Two – Periods and Rotating Schedule Reported

| Special Education Service | Goal # | Frequency | Responsible Staff | Service Implementer | Start Date | End Date | Site | If needed, description of instructional service delivery (e.g. small group, co-taught classes, etc.) | |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|---|--|----------|------|--|--|
| Math Instruction | 5,6 | 9 per/10 days | Special Education Teacher | General Education Teacher | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 1 | Rotating schedule | |
| Reading | 7,8 | 5 per/wk | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher/Instructional Assistant | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 1 | Special education teacher will see the student 2 out of 5 per/wk | |
| Study Skills | 2,3 | 2 per/wk | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher | 9-04-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | | |
| Related Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Counseling | 1 | 3 per/month | Social Worker | Social Worker | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | Flexible schedule depending on student need | |
| Description of Participation in Regular Education | Fully participating in all academic and all other school activities except 2 periods per week from an elective | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Total School Hours/Week: (Specify) 30 hours/week | | 9. Special Education Hours/Week: (Specify) 8 hours 40 min/week <i>202 min + 225 min + 90 min = 517 min/60 min = 8.616 hours (using a 45 minute period)</i> | | | 10. Hours per week the student will spend with children/students who do not have disabilities (TWNDP): 28 hours <i>33 min + 90 min = 123 min = 2 hr 3 min = 2 hr (rounded) 30 hrs - 2hrs = 28 hrs</i> | | | | |

Example Three – Same Goal Reported in Two Different Instructional Sites

| Special Education Service | Goal # | Frequency | Responsible Staff | Service Implementer | Start Date | End Date | Site | If needed, description of instructional service delivery (e.g. small group, co-taught classes, etc.) |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|---|---|------------|----------|------|--|
| Math Instruction | 5,6 | 2.5 hrs/wk | Special Education Teacher/General Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher/General Education Teacher | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 1 | Co-taught class |
| Math Instruction | 5,6 | 1.5 hrs/wk | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher/Paraprofessional | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | Small group/individual instruction |
| Reading | 7,8 | 2.5 hrs/wk | Special Education Teacher | Special Education Teacher | 9-4-05 | 6-15-06 | 2 | |

Extracurricular Activities

This particular item is somewhat unique in that it asks for one year’s worth of past information, not future, or proposed services like most items on the IEP. The specific question to be answered for this item is: “Has the student participated in school sponsored extracurricular activities with non-disabled peers since the last annual review?”

Use the following to guide you for a “Yes” response:

- The extracurricular activity was school sponsored and has a stated purpose. This would not include, for example, an after school activity run by a community organization, but would include an interscholastic or intramural sport or homework club;
- There was a minimum of 50% non-disabled peers in this extracurricular activity;
- There was an adult supervisor or advisor, usually associated with the school;
- The extracurricular activity met on a regular basis (at least 5 times per year). This would exclude activities such as assemblies, field trips, or food drives;
- The student attended at least 50% of the sessions;
- Student participation was totally voluntary;
- The extracurricular activity was not offered for academic credit; and
- The extracurricular activity is likely listed as an activity in the high school or middle school student handbook.

Extended School Year

When completing *Item 12*, the need for *Extended School Year (ESY)* services must be considered for each student. This does not mean that these services must be provided for every student, only that the need for ESY services must be considered for each special education student. If required, the specific services, the starting and ending dates of these services, the site where services will be provided, and, if needed, the description of instructional service delivery should be recorded in the grid on **Page 11** of the IEP. If there is insufficient space on the grid on one **Page 11**, districts may use a **Page 11** for school year services and another **Page 11** for extended school year services.

Item 13 is a requirement of IDEA 04. For *Item 13a* one must specify the extent to which a student will not participate in general education classes and in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities. For example, if a student is to receive three hours of instruction per week in a special education resource room, a correct response to *Item 13a*, would be: “[Student name] will be out of his classroom for three hours per week to receive instruction in a special education resource room.”

Justification for Removal

Item 13b requires a justification for the removal from regular education as described in *Item 13a*. Enter a response(s) which best describes why the PPT recommended that the student be removed from regular classes. When a PPT considers removal of a student from the regular education program it is important for the team members to be aware that IDEA requires placement of special education students in regular classrooms “to the maximum extent appropriate” with the use of

supplementary aids and services provided in the general education classroom. Thus, the decision as to whether any particular student should be educated in a regular classroom setting, all of the time, part of the time, or none of the time, is dependent on the needs and abilities of the particular child, and should not be based upon the student's particular disability category.

General Information

The Required Data Collection page is not part of the IEP. The data on this page are required to meet state and/or federal data requirements. The information on this page should be collected at an Initial Eligibility Determination PPT if the student is found eligible for special education and related services or yearly at an annual review. The data reported on this page should be accurate but does not effect decisions reached by the PPT as part of the child's IEP. For example, data reported under *Graduation* is being used to calculate district graduation rates and does not impact decisions made by the PPT regarding exit criteria on page 10 of the IEP.

The *Required Data Collection* page is an administrative task, should be reviewed by the PPT and a copy given to the parents and retained as part of the PPT packet.

Page 12 data are ALSO required for students with service plans. For further information regarding students with services plans, please refer to the SEDAC Handbook.

For Children 3 to 5 years of age

If FAPE has not been met by the student's third birthday, the district must report the reason why.

Placement/Settings for students 5 or younger OR grade is preschool

When recording the Placement/Setting for children younger than 5 years of age or children of any age whose grade is indicated as preschool, the child's PPT should select one of six (6) early childhood choices that describe a child's educational setting. The information regarding a child's educational setting will be used by the school district to prepare and submit the School District's October 1st data to the State Department of Education through SEDAC. School districts need to understand and report the appropriate educational setting for children ages 3 through 5. The six early childhood categories reflect the environments where children ages 3 through 5 spend their day, rather than solely reflecting the environment in which children receive their special education and related services.

Before starting, it is helpful to know what the choices are and what factors to use in selecting a correct code. Please note that the order of the categories for children with disabilities ages 3 through 5 does not reflect a continuum from least to most restrictive.

The Age 3-5 Placement Settings are:

1. Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program – includes 50% or more non-disabled children
2. Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate Class – includes less than 50% non-disabled children
3. Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate School - includes less than 50% non-disabled children
4. Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Residential Facility - includes less than 50% non-disabled children
5. Home
6. Service Provider Location (Itinerant Services) – applies only when a child does not spend time in any environment with non-disabled peers.

Start by considering if a child attends any early childhood preschool or Kindergarten even if your district does not fund the attendance at an early children program.

- If the response is yes, select Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program;
- If the response is no, consider the next setting, which is Early Special Education Program in a Separate Class;
- If the response is no, consider the next setting, which is Early Special Education Program in a Separate School;
- If the response is no, consider the next setting, which is Early Special Education Program in a Residential Facility;
- If the response is no, consider the next setting, which is Home; and

- Finally, if the student does not receive special education services in the home, select Service Provider Location.

Use this method to help select the most appropriate setting. More details are provided below.

Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program - This describes a program/classroom that includes at least 50 percent or more of children without disabilities. This category includes a child's participation in any early childhood program and is not limited to the program/classroom in which a child receives their special education and related services. Early childhood programs include but are not limited to

- Head Start;
- Kindergarten;
- Reverse Mainstreaming Classroom;
- Private preschools;
- Preschool classes offered to 3- and/or 4-year-old children by the Public School; and
- Group/Center-based child-care.

Select Early Childhood Preschool or kindergarten setting, even if the child also receives special education in any of the settings below.

The determination of the "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program" is not necessarily based upon whether the school district uses public funds to provide and/or purchase a setting as a part of a child's IEP. Page 11 of the IEP is specific to the special education and related services that a child will receive through the public school. The Total School Hours per Week, the Special Education Hours per Week and the Hours per Week the student will spend with children who do not have disabilities will be recorded on page 11 of the child's IEP. **If a child attends a Head Start, School Readiness, nursery school, preschool or other such program (see other examples listed in the next paragraph) unrelated to the IEP, the child's PPT team needs to note the hours per week that the child participates in such a program on page 2, the Meeting Summary Page, of the IEP. These hours can then be used to report the Total School Hours per Week, Special Education Hours per Week and Non-Disabled Peer Hours in SEDAC. The data fields that report the hours for a preschool child will now be calculated based upon the child's IEP hours and any additional time that the child spends in a program, class or activity with typically developing peers.**

The Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Setting is to be used when a child participates in any type of early childhood setting, program or scheduled activity that includes 50 percent or more of children without disabilities. For example, if a child receives only speech services at the district's elementary school, but also participates in a nursery school during the week, the school district would select "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten" as the child's setting. Other examples of early childhood settings in which a child may participate include playgroups such as those operated through Family Resource Centers (FRCs), a library playgroup, a Y program, etc.

If, at the time of the SEDAC October Data Collection, the school district operates a Reverse Mainstream classroom that meets the definition that at least 50 percent or more of the children attending are children without disabilities, the school district would select category "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program". If the classroom composition changes in a Reverse Mainstream classroom during the course of the school year, the school district would need to select the category that applies at the time of the child's IEP. For example, if later in the school year, the composition changes to reflect that 60% of the children are those with disabilities, and 40% of the children attending are typically developing, the school district could not use a Reverse Mainstream setting to report in the category "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program". However, if a child also attended a regular early childhood program in addition to the program provided to the child through an IEP, the school district would report in the category "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program".

Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate Class – A program/classroom that includes less than 50% children who do not have disabilities. These include special education classrooms in regular school buildings, trailers or portables outside regular school. If the child does not attend a regular early childhood program or Kindergarten (as noted above) report the child as attending an Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate Class. Select this code, even if the child also receives special education in any of the settings below.

Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate School – A program/classroom in a Separate School that includes less than 50% children who do not have disabilities (e.g., RESC program, an approved private special education program). If the child does not attend any of the

above settings, select Early Childhood Special Education Program in a Separate Class. Select this code, even if the child also receives special education in any of the settings below.

Early Childhood Special Education Program Residential Facility– A program/classroom in a Residential Facility that includes less than 50% children who do not have disabilities, (e.g., American School for the Deaf, Perkins School for the Blind, etc.). If the child does not attend any of the above settings, select Early Childhood Special Education Program Residential Facility. Select this code even if the child also receives special education in any of the settings below.

Home – If the child does not attend any of the above settings but receives some or all of the special education and related services at home, report the child’s setting as Home. Select this code even if the child also receives special education in a Service Provider Location.

Service Provider Location (Itinerant Services) - If the child does not attend any of the above settings report that child’s setting as in a Service Provider Location. The child’s services may be provided individually or in a small group of children. Services may be provided in a school, hospital, or other setting.

Education Placement
3 - 21 years of age

This section must be completed for all students ages 3 – 21.

Early Intervention
Participant (EIP)

Please check “Yes” or “No” to indicate that prior to placement in special education, a team of general educators met to discuss, develop or try other ways to assist the student before referral to special education. This Early Intervention Service (EIS) is sometimes referred to as a Child Study Team, Early Intervention Team, Student Assistance Team or a Response to Intervention (RTI) model. This “pre-referral” step is a requirement of IDEA 2004; therefore, the response in most cases would be “Yes”. Please note that the answer to this question will generally remain the same throughout a student’s educational career. (The only time the response may change is if a student was exited from special education and then referred a second time at a later date.)

For pre-kindergarten students ages 3 through 5 who were enrolled in the Birth-to-Three System, the response to whether they were participants in early intervention is “Yes”. If a pre-kindergarten student was not found eligible for the Birth-to-Three System, the school district could determine that early intervention services (EIS) are appropriate before referral for special education eligibility determination *or* could make a referral to determine special education eligibility without EIS; therefore the response could be “Yes” or “No”. “Blanket” preschool screenings should not be considered EIS.

Note: Please note that regardless of the age of the student, parents have the right to bypass EIS and go directly to referral for special education eligibility. If the PPT evaluates the student for eligibility determination and does not provide EIS, or, if a parent initiates a referral before the EIS process is completed, the response would be “No”. For further information, please review the SEDAC Handbook.

Primary Reason
for Educational
Location

This field must be completed for all students. Please note that “**Resolution Agreement**” refers only to an agreement between a parent and board of education made as the result of a resolution session convened in response to a parent’s request for a due process hearing. The “**Mediation Agreement**” box should be checked only if the agreement made between a parent and board of education regarding a student’s educational location was the result of a mediation proceeding held with the participation of a mediator from the Bureau of Special Education. “**Settlement Agreement**” refers to any other agreement reached between a parent and board of education that was not the result of a mediation proceeding or a resolution session.

For information regarding educational placements made as a result of these agreements and their eligibility for state grants, please review the memo *LEA Excess Cost Grant and State Agency Placement Grant for Placements in Facilities Approved or Not Approved for Special Education*. A link to this memo is set forth below.

The “**District transition/vocational program or age-appropriate community-based program**” box should be checked for any student (ages 17 – 21) who is receiving transition services and whose educational placement is in a district transition/vocational program or age-appropriate community-based program as identified in the PSIS system as one of the following

three facility codes:

1. "82" Institution Code: Any adult service provider that holds a current and valid contract as a vendor with a state agency (i.e., BRS, DDS, DMHAS, BESB) (e.g., the Kennedy Center in Trumbull is 144-01-82) or a program operated by a district that is located on a college or university campus or in a community setting (e.g., the Hamden Transition Academy at SCSU is 062-01-82);

2. "90" School Code (may be "90 - 98" if the district has more than one program) with an Institution Code of "11": A district operated special education program that provides ONLY transition/vocational services and is in a location other than a public school (e.g., apartment, church, municipal administration building, private school campus) (e.g., West Hartford's WAAVE Program that is on the campus of Northwest Catholic High School has a code of 155-90-11); or

3. "11" Institution Code with a School Code in the "60's": A transition/vocational program that is operated by a district whose base of operation is located within a public high school (e.g., the Academy of Western Connecticut, based in Danbury High School, is coded as 034-61-11).

These codes are necessary for determining the "home school" status of transition-age students. A link to more information may be found in the December/January 2009 issue of the *Bureau Bulletin*: (<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Updates/BulletinJanuary2009.pdf>).

Residence if a student does not live at home

If a student does not live at home, Item 3 must be completed to identify where the student lives.

Out of District Placement

If student's placement is not in a district program, who/what entity initiated the placement? Field 3A. must be completed for those students who are attending an out of district program.

For further information about the State Agency Placement Grant and the LEA Excess Cost Grant, please review the memo issued by the Bureau of Special Education on October 31, 2008 *LEA Excess Cost Grant and State Agency Placement Grant for Placements in Facilities Approved or Not Approved for Special Education*. A link to this memo may be found in the October, 2008 issue of the *Bureau Bulletin*: (<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Special/Updates/BulletinOctober2008.pdf>).

Graduation

At the annual review conducted during a student's 9th grade year, the school district must project the year in which the student is anticipated to graduate (within 4 to 7 years). This data is to be reported via SEDAC in the Oct. 1st collection following the determination at the annual review. This field may only be reported once and cannot be updated or changed due to a student's failure to progress sufficiently toward graduation in the projected year. This field is a federal data requirement necessary to calculate graduation rate.

If the student is determined eligible for the first time, after the 9th grade year, the school district is still required to project and report the year in which the student is anticipated to graduate. This data must be reported via SEDAC in the Oct. 1st collection following identification for special education and related services.

If the student was first determined eligible in one district and that district reported the anticipated graduation year via SEDAC in the Oct. 1st collection following the 9th grade annual review and the student subsequently transfers to a different school district, the new receiving school district must review the previously reported anticipated graduation data. If the new district of fiscal responsibility determines that the originally reported graduation data is no longer accurate, a revised anticipated graduation year may be submitted in the first SEDAC submission following the student's transfer to the new district.

If the student was first determined eligible in another state and subsequently transfers to a CT public school district, the CT school district must project and report the anticipated year of graduation in the first SEDAC submission following the student's transfer to into the CT public school district.

**Page 2
Meeting
Summary**

The Meeting Summary is not optional for children age 2 through 5. The Meeting Summary must be used to record any programs the child participates in with typically developing children that are not a part of the educational services provided by the school district.

**Page 11
Special
Education,
Related
Services, and
Regular
Education**

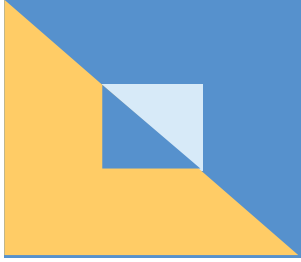
Page 11 should only include the educational services provided by the school district. Therefore, the total school hours per week should only include the hours the child spends in a district program; hours spent in educational programs not provided by the school district are NOT included on page 11 (such as Head Start, School Readiness, nursery school, preschool or other such program). Accordingly, the time with non-disabled peers should NOT include the hours per week that a child participates in any program with typically developing peers that is not provided by the school district. The special education hours per week should equal the total hours per week of special education services listed in the top portion of the grid regardless of where the special education instruction takes place.

**Page 12
Required Data
Collection**

As of February 2009, this page now includes a checkbox for "Early Intervention Participant (EIP). If a pre-kindergarten student was enrolled in the Birth-to-Three System, the response is "Yes". If a pre-kindergarten student was found not to be eligible for the Birth-to-Three System, the school district could determine that early intervention services (EIS) are appropriate before referral for special education eligibility determination *or* could make a referral without EIS; therefore the response could be "Yes" or "No". "Blanket" Preschool screenings should not be considered EIS. NOTE: Parents have the right to bypass EIS and go directly to referral for special education eligibility; in that case the response would be "No". For further information, please refer to the SEDAC Handbook.

**SEDAC
Reporting**

The hours reported for students in "Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program" settings DO include the child's IEP hours AND any additional time the child spends in programs with typically developing peers that is not provided by the school district. Therefore, for children ages 3 through 5 only, the sum of the hours listed on page 2 (educational programs not provided by the school district) PLUS the hours listed on page 11 (educational programs provided by the school district) must be used to report the total school hours per week, special education hours per week and non-disabled peer hours per week (fields 17, 18 and 19) in SEDAC. For further information, please review the SEDAC Handbook.



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Student: _____ **DOB:** mm/dd/yyyy **District:** _____ **Meeting Date:** mm/dd/yyyy
 Last Name, First Name

PLANNING AND PLACEMENT TEAM (PPT) COVER PAGE

Current Enrolled School: _____ Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ H.S. Credits: _____ Gender: Female Male
 Home School: Yes No Specify: _____ Race/Ethnicity: Am.Ind. or Alask. Nat. Asian / Pacif. Black or Af.Am. White Hispanic

School Next Year: Home School: Yes No Specify: _____ If your school district does not have its own high school, is the student attending his/her designated high school? Yes No NA

ID#: _____ Case Manager: _____

Student Address: _____ Student Instructional Lang: English Other: (specify) _____
 Parent/Guardian (Name): _____ Home Dominant Lang: English Other: (specify) _____
 Parent/Guardian (Address): Same _____ Student Home Phone: _____ Parent Home Phone: _____
 Surrogate: _____ Parent Work Phone: _____ Misc. Phone: _____
 (Name and Address): _____ Most Recent Eval. Date: mm/dd/yyyy Next Reevaluation Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Reason for Meeting²: Review Referral Plan Eval/Reeval Review Eval/Reeval Determine Eligibility Develop IEP
 Review or Revise IEP Conduct Annual Review Transition Planning Manifestation Determination Other(specify) _____

Primary Disability: Autism Emotional Disturbance Multiple Disabilities Speech or Language Impaired Other Health Impairment
 Deaf – Blindness Hearing Impairment Orthopedic Impairment Traumatic Brain Injury OHI – ADD/ADHD
 Developmental Delay (ages 3-5 only) Intellectual Disability Specific Learning Disabilities Visual Impairment To be determined

The next projected PPT meeting date is: _____

- Eligible as a student in need of Special Education (The child is evaluated as having a disability, and needs special education and related services) Yes No
- Is this an amendment to a current IEP? Yes No
- If yes, what is the date of the IEP being amended? _____
- Amendments attached Yes No

Team Member Present (required)

Admin/Designee: _____ Spec. Educ. Teacher: _____ OT: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____ School Psych: _____ PT: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____ Social Work: _____ Agency: _____
 Surrogate Parent: _____ Speech/Lang: _____ Other: (specify) _____
 Student: _____ Guidance: _____ Other: (specify) _____
 Student's Reg. Ed. Teacher: _____ Nurse: _____ Other: (specify) _____

¹ Address of student's primary residence. ² May choose more than one

Student: _____ District: _____ Meeting Date: _____
 Last Name, First Name _____ mm/dd/yyyy _____
 DOB: _____ mm/dd/yyyy _____

PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE

| Actions Proposed | Reasons for proposed actions | Evaluation procedure, assessment, records, or reports used as a basis for the actions proposed (dated) | Date These actions will be implemented |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational performance supports proposed actions <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation results support proposed actions <input type="checkbox"/> Previous IEP goals and objectives have been satisfactorily achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Student has met Exit Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor <input type="checkbox"/> Report Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Records <input type="checkbox"/> Social Emotional Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify and dated) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medical _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medical | (Minimum five school days from date parent received prior written notice) date(s): _____ |
| Actions Refused | Reasons for Refused actions | Evaluation procedure, assessment, records, or reports used as a basis for the refusal (dated) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational performance supports refusal <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation results support refusal <input type="checkbox"/> Previous IEP goals and objectives have been satisfactorily achieved <input type="checkbox"/> Student has met Exit Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor <input type="checkbox"/> Report Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Records <input type="checkbox"/> Social emotional Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify and dated) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medical _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medical | |
| Other options considered and rejected in favor of the proposed actions | Rationale for rejecting other options | Other factors that are relevant to this action | Exit Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time placement in general education with supplementary aids and services. <input type="checkbox"/> No other options were considered and rejected. <input type="checkbox"/> Other options considered and rejected in favor of this action: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Options would not provide student with an appropriate program in the least restrictive environment <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> There are no other factors that are relevant to the PPT decision <input type="checkbox"/> Information/concerns shared by the parents <input type="checkbox"/> Information/preferences shared by the student <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Date of exit from Special Education _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to general education _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reason for exiting Special Education: _____ |
| <p>Parents please note: Under the procedural safeguards of IDEA, a copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education shall be given to the parents of a child with a disability only one time per year, except that a copy also shall be given to the parents: 1) upon initial referral or parental request for evaluation, 2) upon the first occurrence of the filing of a complaint under Section 615(b)(6), 3) upon request by a parent, and 4) upon a change of placement resulting from a disciplinary action. A copy of Procedural Safeguards in Special Education which explains these protections <input type="checkbox"/> was made available previously this school year (date) <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed with this document. A copy of Procedural Safeguards in Special Education is available on school district website : http://www.ct.gov/sde/cwpl/view.asp?a=2678&q=320730. If you need assistance in understanding the provisions of IDEA, please contact your child's principal, the district's special education director or the CT's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center (CPAC at 800-445-2722). For a copy of "A Parent's Guide to Special Education in CT" and other resources contact SERC (800-842-8678) or go to: http://www.sde.ct.gov/cwpl/view.asp?a=2678&q=320730.</p> | | | |

Student: _____ District: _____ Meeting Date: _____
 Last Name, First Name _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 DOB: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE

(The following information was derived from: report data, documentation from classroom performance, parent/student reports, curriculum based and standardized assessments, observations, including CMT and CAPT results and student samples).

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| Parent and Student input and concerns |
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| Area (briefly describe current performance) | Strengths (include data as appropriate) | Concerns/Needs (requiring specialized instruction) | Impact of student's disability on involvement and progress in the general education curriculum or appropriate preschool activities. |
|--|---|---|---|
| Academic/Cognitive Language Arts: <input type="checkbox"/> Age Appropriate _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| Academic/Cognitive Math: <input type="checkbox"/> Age Appropriate _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| Other Academic/Nonacademic Areas: <input type="checkbox"/> Age Appropriate _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |

Student: _____ Last Name, First Name _____ DOB: _____ mmm/dd/yyyy _____ District: _____ Meeting Date: _____ mmm/dd/yyyy

TRANSITION PLANNING

1. Not Applicable: Student has not reached the age of 15 and transition planning is not required or appropriate at this time.
 This is either the first IEP to be in effect when the student turns 16 (or younger if appropriate and transition planning is needed) or the student is 16 or older and transition planning is required.
2. Student Preferences/Interests – document the following:
 - a) Was the student invited to attend her/his Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting? Yes No
 - b) Did the student attend? Yes No
 - c) How were the student's preferences/interests, as they relate to planning for transition services, determined?
 Personal Interviews Comments at Meeting Functional Vocational Evaluations Age appropriate transition assessments Other _____
 - d) Summarize student preferences/interests as they relate to planning for transition services: _____
3. Age Appropriate Transition Assessment(s) performed: (Specify assessment(s) and dates administered) _____
4. Agency Participation:
 - a) Were any outside agencies invited to attend the PPT meeting? Yes with written consent No (If No, MUST specify reason as listed in the IEP Manual) _____
 - b) If yes, did the agency's representative attend? Yes No
 - c) Has any participating agency agreed to provide or pay for services/linkages? Yes No (If Yes, specify) _____
5. Post-School Outcome Goal Statement(s) and Transition Services recommended in this IEP
a) Post-School Outcome Goal Statement - Postsecondary Education or Training: _____
 Annual goal(s) and related objectives regarding Postsecondary Education or Training have been developed and are included in this IEP
b) Post-School Outcome Goal Statement – Employment: _____
 Annual goal(s) and related objectives regarding Employment have been developed and are included in this IEP
c) Post-School Outcome Goal Statement - Independent Living Skills (if appropriate): _____
 Annual goals and related objectives regarding Independent Living have been developed and are included in this IEP (may include Community Participation)
6. Please select ONLY one:
 The course of study needed to assist the child in reaching the transition goals and related objectives will include (including general education activities): _____
 Student has completed academic requirements; no academic course of study is required – student's IEP includes only transition goals and services.
7. At least one year prior to reaching the age of 18, the student must be informed of her/his rights under IDEA which will transfer at age 18.
 NA (Student will not be 17 within one year) The student has been informed of her/his rights under IDEA which will transfer at age 18 No IDEA rights will transfer
8. For a child whose eligibility under special education will terminate the following year due to graduation with a regular education diploma or due to exceeding the age of eligibility, the Summary of Performance will be completed on or before: (specify date) _____

Parents please note: Rights afforded to parents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) transfer to students at the age of 18, unless legal guardianship has been obtained.

Student: _____ Meeting Date: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 District: _____ Meeting Date: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 DOB: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Academic/Cognitive Social/Behavioral Communication Gross/Fine Motor
 Self Help Employment Independent Living Health
 Check here if the student is 15 years of age. (Note: Page 6, Transition Planning must be completed if this box is checked)

Measurable Annual Goal* (Linked to Present Levels of Performance) # _____

Short Term Objectives/Benchmarks (Linked to achieving progress towards Annual Goal)

Objective #1

Objective #2

Objective #3

| Performance Criteria | | Report Progress Below (Use Reporting Key) | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Criterion-Referenced/Curriculum Based Assessment | 7. Behavior/Performance Rating Scale | 1 | 2 |
| 2. Pre and Post Standardized Assessment | 8. CMT/CAPT | 3 | 4 |
| 3. Pre and Post Base Line Data | 9. Work Samples, Job Performance or Products | 5 | 6 |
| 4. Quizzes/Tests | 10. Achievement of Objectives (Note: use with goal only) | 7 | 8 |
| 5. Student Self-assessment/Rubric | 11. Other (specify) | | |
| 6. Project/Experiment/Portfolio | 12. Other (specify) | | |

| Performance Criteria | | Report Progress Below (Use Reporting Key) | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| A. Percent of Change | F. Duration | 1 | 2 |
| B. Months Growth | G. Successful Completion of Task/Activity | 3 | 4 |
| C. Standard Score Increase | H. Mastery | 5 | 6 |
| D. Passing Grades/Score | I. Other: (specify) | 7 | 8 |
| E. Frequency/Trials | J. Other: (specify) | | |

Progress Reporting Key: (indicating extent to which progress is sufficient to achieve goal by the end of the year)
U=Unsatisfactory Progress – Unlikely to achieve goal **N** = No Progress – Will not achieve goal **M** = Mastered **S** = Satisfactory Progress – Likely to achieve goal
U=Unsatisfactory Progress – Unlikely to achieve goal **N** = No Progress – Will not achieve goal **NI** = Not Introduced **O** = Other: (specify)

*Related to meeting the student's needs that result from the individual's disability, to enable the student to be involved in and make progress in the general curriculum, and to meet each of the student's other educational needs that result from the student's disability.

STATE AND DISTRICT TESTING AND ACCOMMODATIONS
The CMT/CAPT section and DISTRICTWIDE ASSESSMENTS section must be completed.

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| <p align="center">CMT/CAPT</p> <p><u>Check the grade the student will be in when the test is given.</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grade PK-2, 9 or 11-12; testing not required</p> <p>CMT/CAPT (You must select ONE of Assessment Options 1, 2, and 3 unless the student is in grades PK-2, 9 or 11-12 and testing is not required. Select any appropriate Administration Options.)</p> <p><u>Assessment Options:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Standard CMT/CAPT for all tests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. CMT/CAPT Modified Assessment System (MAS)* for: <input type="checkbox"/> math tests only <input type="checkbox"/> reading tests only <input type="checkbox"/> math and reading tests (This option includes the Standard CMT/CAPT for all tests not specified above.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist</p> <p>Administration Options: (Check N/A for both options if student is assessed with Skills Checklist.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Accommodations will be provided.** The completed CMT or CAPT Test Accommodations Form is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A ELL exemption from reading and writing tests will be given.</p> <p><small>NOTE: This exemption applies only to a student who has attended school in the U.S. for less than 12 months AND has limited English proficiency. The student must have taken an English language assessment (the LAS Links). This exemption is available for only ONE administration of the CMT or CAPT; the student may not be exempted from testing in subsequent years. Exempted students are not required to take the reading and writing tests, but must take all other CMT or CAPT tests. For further information, see the guidelines at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?A=2618&Q=320820.</small></p> <p>* The CMT/CAPT (MAS) Eligibility Worksheet and FAQs document should be used for guidance on eligibility. Provide a completed copy of the worksheet to the district test coordinator for required registration of students assessed with the CMT/CAPT (MAS) on the CSDE CMT/CAPT Accommodations Data Collection website. A PPT decision to assess the student using the CMT (MAS) or CAPT (MAS) must be recorded on IEP page 3, Prior Written Notice.</p> <p>** If accommodations are given, complete the CMT or CAPT Test Accommodations Form and attach to this IEP. Provide a copy of the form to the district test coordinator for required registration on the CSDE CMT/CAPT Accommodations Data Collection website.</p> | <p align="center">DISTRICTWIDE ASSESSMENTS</p> <p><u>Check the grade(s) the student will be in when the tests are given.</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grade Pre-K <input type="checkbox"/> Grade K <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 12</p> <p>DISTRICTWIDE ASSESSMENTS (Select all appropriate options.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A - No districtwide assessments are scheduled during the term of this IEP.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard Assessment(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Assessment(s)</p> <p>Alternate assessments must be specified and a statement provided for each as to why the child cannot participate in the standard assessment and why the particular alternate assessment selected is appropriate for the child.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Select one of the following options: <input type="checkbox"/> No accommodations will be provided, OR <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations will be provided as specified on Page 8, OR <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations will be provided as specified below.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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Student: _____ Last Name, First Name DOB: _____ mmm/dd/yyyy District: _____ Meeting Date: _____ mmm/dd/yyyy

SPECIAL FACTORS, PROGRESS REPORTING, EXIT CRITERIA

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL FACTORS:

1. For students whose behavior impedes her/his learning or that of others, the PPT has considered strategies, including positive behavioral interventions and supports to address that behavior, and:
 NA A behavioral intervention plan has been developed IEP Goals and Objectives have been developed to address the behavior Other (specify) _____
2. For students with limited English proficiency, the PPT has considered the language needs of the student as they relate to the student's IEP and recommended the following:
 NA Recommendation: (specify) _____
3. For students who are blind or visually impaired: NA Instruction in braille or the use of braille is being provided, as required The PPT has determined, after an evaluation of the student's reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media (including an evaluation of the student's future need for instruction in braille or the use of braille), that instruction in braille or the use of braille is not appropriate for this student.
4. For students who are deaf or hard of hearing, the PPT has determined (after considering the student's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode, and considering whether the student requires assistive technology devices and services) that the following services are required: NA No services required
 Services/modifications required: (specify) _____

PROGRESS REPORTING

1. A report of progress toward meeting the Measurable Annual Goals and Short Term Objectives included in this IEP will be sent to parents periodically, according to the following schedule:
 Quarterly Consistent with grade level report cards Other: (Specify) _____

EXIT CRITERIA

1. Exit Criteria: Student will be exited from Special Education upon: (Check One)
 Ability to succeed in Regular Education without Special Education support Graduation Age 21 Other: (specify) _____

Student: _____ Last Name, First Name _____ District: _____ Meeting Date: _____
 _____ mmm/dd/yyyy _____ mmm/dd/yyyy

Required Data Collection
(Collect and/or update at every PPT)

For Children 3 to 5 years of age

Did the child ever receive Birth to Three services? Yes No
 Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) by age 3. Yes No
 If the Oct 1st reported "Annual Review/PPT Meeting Date" and child's DOB indicate that the child did not receive FAPE by their 3rd birthday, why?
 Late referral (less than 90 days before 3rd birthday) Moved into district late Other (Specify) _____
 Child initially found not eligible at age 3 (re-referred to district at a later date) Parent Choice FAPE met via earlier PPT. Date of initial PPT was _____

Placement/Settings for students 5 or younger OR grade is preschool:

Early Childhood Preschool or Kindergarten Program – includes 50% or more non-disabled children Early Childhood Special Education Program in Separate Class – includes less than 50% non-disabled children
 Early Childhood Special Education Program in Separate School – includes less than 50% non-disabled children Early Childhood Special Education Program in Residential Facility – includes less than 50% non-disabled children
 Home Service Provider Location (Itinerant Services) – applies only when a child does not spend time in any environment with non-disabled peers

Education Placement 3 to 21 years of age

1. Early Intervention Participant (EIP) Yes No

2. Primary reason for Educational Location

PPT Open Choice (Parent Placement) Interim Alternative Education Setting-IAES Court Order Following Due Process District transition/vocational program or age appropriate community based program Homeless
 Charter School (Parental Choice) Vo-Ag School (Parental Choice) Expulsion Mediation Agreement (reached with participation of an SDE mediator) None (Awaiting Placement)
 CTHSS (Parental Choice) Service plan only (Parent Placement in Private School) Parent/BOE Settlement Agreement Resolution Agreement (reached through a resolution session held in relation to a parent's due process hearing request)
 Inter-district Magnet (Parental Choice) Medical (Hospital or Homebound) Due Process Hearing Non-Educational Restriction / Treatment Boundary (must answer 3a - who initiated non-educational restriction/treatment boundary)

3. If student doesn't live at home, where does he/she live?

Correctional Facility (District 336 only) Municipal Detention Center (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven) Safe Home Private Residential Treatment Center
 DCF Facility (District 347 only) Private Detention Center e.g. SAGE, Washington Street Juvenile Detention Center Permanent Family Residence Supported housing (housing subsidized by DCF, DDS, DMHAS or other state agency.) Private Residential Educational School
 DMHAS Facility (District 337 only) Hospital Group Home Temporary Shelter (includes Permanency Diagnostic Center (PDC) and STAR shelters) Other (Specify) _____

3a. If student's placement is not in a district program, who/what entity initiated the placement?

State Agency Placement Grant applies if placement initiated by: DCF DDS DMHAS Judicial Department Indian Nation
 LEA Excess Cost Grant may apply when placement is made by: PPT Physician Resolution Agreement Settlement Agreement Mediation Agreement Hearing Decision

GRADUATION

The student is projected to graduate in what year? (Enter the school year formatted as YYYY-YYYY that is determined at the annual review during the student's 9th grade year.)

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Student: _____

DOB: _____

2. Special Services History:

Are you aware of any special services provided for this child now or in the past? Yes No

If Yes, describe the type, location, and provider of the service.

3. Other Relevant Information:

4. Parent Notification:

Has the parent/guardian been notified about your concerns regarding this student? Yes No

If Yes, method of notification: _____

Date(s) parent/guardian was notified: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of individual completing this form)

***Please note:** The special education referral date immediately affords the student and parent(s) all special education procedural safeguards. This referral also “starts the clock” with respect to the timelines specified in RCSA 10-76d-13(a)(1) and (2) which provide that “(1) *The individualized education program shall be implemented within forty-five days of referral or notice, exclusive of the time required to obtain parental consent. (2) In the case of a child whose individualized education program calls for out-of-district or private placement, the individualized education program shall be implemented within sixty days of referral or notice, exclusive of the time required to obtain parental consent.*” If a parent communicates in writing directly with a staff member that they wish to refer their child for an evaluation to determine her/his eligibility for special education services, the date the staff member receives this written communication constitutes the date of referral. If a parent communicates verbally with a staff member that they wish to refer their child for an evaluation to determine her/his eligibility for special education services, the staff member should provide the parent with a copy of this referral form and, when necessary, assist the parent in completing this form. It should be understood that, in all instances, this is a referral for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services. Actual eligibility for special education services is determined by the PPT only after an evaluation has been completed.

[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARENT NOTICE OF REFERRAL TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES

Date: _____

(Name of Parent/Guardian or Student)

(Street Address)

(City/Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Dear _____

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that your child, _____, _____
(Student's Name) (DOB)

has been referred for consideration of eligibility for special education services. The referral was made by:

_____, on _____
(Name of person or team making referral) (Date)

The next step in the referral process is to schedule a Planning and Placement Team meeting (PPT). At this meeting the available information regarding your child's current school performance will be reviewed and evaluation procedures for determining eligibility for special education services will be considered. Parent participation in this process is very important. We ask that you make every effort to attend this meeting.

Enclosed with this letter are the following materials:

A copy of the referral which outlines specific concerns and the information used as the basis for this referral, including alternative strategies employed prior to the referral.

A copy of Procedural Safeguards in Special Education. If you would like a further explanation of these procedures please contact:

_____, at _____,

A Planning and Placement Team meeting notice. (If a notice is not included with this letter you will receive one in a separate mailing.)

Other: (specify) _____

Please be advised that you have the right to review and obtain copies of all records used as a basis for this referral.

If you have any questions, please contact, _____
(Name) (Title)

at _____

Sincerely,

(Name and Title)

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PLANNING AND PLACEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Date: _____

(Name of Parent/Guardian or Student)

(Street Address)

(City/Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Dear _____

Please be advised that a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting will be convened on behalf of:
_____, _____ . The meeting is scheduled as follows:
(Student's Name) (DOB)

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **Location:** _____

The purpose of this meeting is to: (check all that apply)

- discuss a referral to special education and consider/plan an evaluation
- review evaluation results and determine eligibility for special education
- develop, review or revise the IEP
- conduct an Annual Review
- consider transition needs/services – student will be invited to attend the meeting and: **(check all items below that apply)**
 - transition goals and objectives in the IEP will be developed/reviewed/revise (required at the annual review following a student's 15th birthday or sooner, if appropriate)
 - the agency representative(s) listed below will be invited to attend to assist in transition planning
- plan a reevaluation to determine continuing eligibility for special education and related services
- review reevaluation results to determine continuing eligibility for special education and related services
- conduct a Manifestation Determination
- other: (specify) _____

The following individuals have been invited to attend:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Administrator | _____ Name and Title |
| _____ Student's Reg. Ed. Teacher | _____ Name and Title |
| _____ Special Education Teacher | _____ Name and Title |
| _____ Student | _____ Name and Title |
| _____ Name and Title | _____ Name and Title |

Parent participation in this process is very important. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. You may bring any other individuals to the meeting, including those who have knowledge or special expertise regarding your daughter/son. The meeting may be rescheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

If you have any questions or wish to reschedule the meeting please contact me at _____
(Telephone No.)

Sincerely,

(Name and Title)

- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education is enclosed.
- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education was provided to you previously this school year. If you would like another copy of the Procedural Safeguards please contact _____
(Name)

- A copy of this notice has been sent to the parent(s). (This is required if rights under IDEA have been transferred to the student at age 18. When rights transfer, meeting notices must be sent to the student with a copy to the parents.)

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTICE AND CONSENT TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL EVALUATION**

Date: _____

Dear _____

Your child, _____, _____ has been referred for an evaluation to determine
(Student's Name) (DOB)

eligibility for special education services. Federal and State regulations require that the school district obtain the written consent of parents before conducting such an evaluation.

- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education is enclosed.
- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education was provided to you previously this school year. If you would like another copy of the Procedural Safeguards, an explanation of these procedures, or if you have any questions, please contact:

_____ at _____
(Name) (Title) (Telephone Number)

This document includes the following rights:

- A. Parents have the right to refuse consent and, if given, it may be revoked at any time.
- B. Parental failure to respond within 10 school days from the date of this notice shall be construed as refusal of consent.
- C. If contested, your child's current educational placement will not change until due process proceedings have been completed.
- D. Parents have the right to review and obtain copies of all records used as a basis for a referral.
- E. Parents have the right to be fully informed of all evaluation results and to receive a copy of the evaluation report.
- F. Parents have the right to obtain an independent evaluation as part of the evaluation process.
- G. Parents have the right to utilize due process procedures.

- The tests/evaluation procedures listed below were recommended
- The PPT has decided that the available evaluation information listed below is sufficient to determine eligibility:
Reason: (specify) _____

| <u>TEST/EVALUATION PROCEDURE</u> | <u>AREA OF ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>EVALUATOR</u> |
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Special adaptations or accommodations are to be considered when indicated by the student's language, cultural background or physical status. Adaptations/accommodations required for this evaluation are:

- No adaptations/accommodations required
- Adaptations/accommodations required: (specify) _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

- I give my consent** for the [DISTRICT NAME] Public Schools to utilize the evaluations described above. I understand that this consent may be revoked at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

- I do not give** my consent for the [DISTRICT NAME] Public Schools to conduct the evaluations described above. I understand that the school district must take steps as are necessary, which may include due process proceedings, to ensure that my child continues to receive a free appropriate public education.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT**

I. Identification Information:

Student: _____ DOB: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____

II. Consent Requirements:

Federal regulations mandate that parents (guardians) give written consent for the initial placement of their child in a special education program. State regulations require written consent for a private special education placement. In both instances the consent must be in writing and given prior to placement.

A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education was provided to you previously this school year. If you would like another copy of the Procedural Safeguards or an explanation of these procedures, or if you have any questions, please contact:

_____ at _____
(Name and Title) (Telephone Number)

Included in this document are the following rights:

- A. Parents have the right to refuse consent and, if given, it may be revoked at any time.
- B. Parental failure to respond within 10 school days from the date of this notice shall be construed as refusal of consent.
- C. If contested, your child's current educational placement will not change until due process proceedings have been completed unless you and the district otherwise agree.
- D. Parents have the right to utilize due process proceedings

III. Placement Description

The following special education placement is being proposed for your child, _____
(child's name)

The proposed placement is: Initial Placement in Special Education A Private Placement and is described in an IEP dated: _____ (Note: An IEP must be developed prior to either placement)

IV. Written Consent

I consent to the special education placement described in item III, above. I understand that, for an initial placement in special education, my consent is valid for changes in my child's program or placement (except placement in a private program) if proper notice is given to me and I have not revoked my consent.

_____ Date
Parent/Guardian Signature

I do not consent to the special education placement described in item III, above. I understand that by refusing consent for the initial placement in special education, I waive all rights to special education services and protections at the time consent is refused. I may still ask for a reevaluation or hearing on the evaluation or the appropriateness of the special education and related services being offered. I also understand that, if I am refusing consent for a private placement, the school district must initiate due process, provided the private placement is not the initial placement of the child.

_____ Date
Parent/Guardian Signature

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTICE AND CONSENT TO CONDUCT A REEVALUATION***

Date: _____

Dear _____

A Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting regarding your child, _____, _____
(Student's Name) (DOB)

was held on _____ . The team determined that an evaluation should be conducted for the following reason:
(meeting date)

- To comply with Federal and State regulations which require that each child receiving special education and related services must be reevaluated at least every three years to determine eligibility for special education services.
- To assess your child's current level of functioning
- Other: (specify) _____
- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education is enclosed.
- A copy of the Procedural Safeguards in Special Education was provided to you previously this school year. If you would like another copy of the Procedural Safeguards or an explanation of these procedures, or if you have any questions, please contact:

_____ at _____
(Name) (Telephone Number)

This document includes the following rights:

- A. Parents have the right to refuse consent and, if given, it may be revoked at any time.
- B. If contested, your child's current educational placement will not change until due process proceedings have been completed.
- C. Parents have the right to be fully informed of all evaluation results and must be provided with a copy of the evaluation report(s).
- D. Parents have the right to obtain an independent evaluation as part of the evaluation process.
- E. Parents have the right to utilize due process procedures.

Evaluation Procedures:

- The tests/evaluation procedures listed below were recommended
- The PPT has determined that no additional tests/evaluations are needed to determine continuing eligibility for special education services (and no parent consent is required) because: (specify) _____

Parents, please be aware that you have the right to request an assessment to determine continuing eligibility for special education services and that the school district is not required to conduct such an assessment unless requested by parents.

| <u>TEST/EVALUATION PROCEDURE</u> | <u>AREA OF ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>EVALUATOR</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Special adaptations or accommodations are to be considered when indicated by the student's language, cultural background or physical status. Adaptations/accommodations required for this evaluation are: No adaptations/accommodations required

Adaptations/accommodations required: (specify) _____

PARENTAL CONSENT*

I give my consent for the [DISTRICT NAME] Public Schools to utilize the evaluations described above. I understand that this consent may be revoked at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

I do not give my consent for the [DISTRICT NAME] Public Schools to conduct the evaluations described above. I understand that the school district must take steps as are necessary, which may include due process proceedings, to ensure that my child continues to receive a free appropriate public education.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

* Note: If the school district has taken reasonable measures to obtain consent for a reevaluation, and parents have failed to respond, the district may proceed with the reevaluation. Parent consent means student consent when the student has reached the age of majority. Consent is not required if additional tests/evaluations are not being conducted.

[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Multidisciplinary Evaluation Report
for Students Suspected of Having a Learning Disability

Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____
 School: _____ Date of Report: _____

The following information must be reviewed by the Planning and Placement Team and documented in the appropriate spaces.

1. EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Alternative strategies: Implementor(s): _____

| Strategies <small><i>[Attach additional information, including math and reading worksheets, as appropriate]</i></small> | Results | Dates <small><i>[To/From]</i></small> |
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B. Parental Input: _____

C. Educationally Relevant Medical Findings, if any _____

D. Regular Classroom Observation: _____

Academic activity(ies): _____ Date(s): _____

Observer(s) [team member(s) other than student's regular teacher]: _____

Behavior observed and the relationship to academic functioning: _____

E. Assessment information:

Assessment

Evaluator (Name and Title)

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| 2. CRITERIA Check the criteria used to determine eligibility for students suspected of having a specific learning disability. | | CRITERIA MET | |
|---|---|--------------|----|
| | | YES | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | To determine eligibility for students suspected of having a specific learning disability, the District is utilizing an identification process that determines if the child responds to scientific, research based intervention as a part of the evaluation procedures. (H.R. 1350 Section 614(b)(6)(B)) Documentation is attached to the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Report. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | To determine eligibility for students suspected of having a specific learning disability, the District is utilizing a severe discrepancy model and applying the criteria listed below. | | |
| 1. Does a severe discrepancy exist between ability and achievement? If yes, indicate which area(s) below: [Note: at least one area must be identified] | | * | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> listening comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> reading comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> basic reading skills <input type="checkbox"/> oral expression <input type="checkbox"/> written expression <input type="checkbox"/> mathematics calculation <input type="checkbox"/> mathematics reasoning | | | |
| 2. Has a disorder in one of the basic psychological processes in understanding or in using spoken or written language been identified? | | ** | |
| 3. (a) Severe discrepancy is <i>primarily</i> due to: | | YES | NO |
| a. Lack of instruction in reading and math ▲ (Based on Math and Reading Worksheets) | | | |
| b. Visual, hearing or motor impairments | | | |
| c. Mental retardation | | | |
| d. Emotional disturbance | | | |
| e. Environmental, cultural or economic disadvantage | | | |
| f. Limited English proficiency | | | |
| g. Motivation | | | |
| h. Situational Trauma | | | |
| 3. (b) Has NO been (✓)'d for all items in #3 above (a-h)? | | | |
| 4. Are special education and related services required to correct the severe discrepancy identified in #1? | | | |

Note: If all of the (✓)s are in the NO column, then the student meets the criteria for #3.

***Criteria #1:** If the severe discrepancy exists, but is not evident in the standardized tests, provide rationale for using clinical judgment.

**** Criteria #2:** If a processing disorder(s) exists, how does it relate to the area(s) of academic concern?

Criteria #3a: Math and/or Reading Worksheets are attached, (unless math or reading is not an area of weakness)

The planning and placement team has reviewed the information presented and has made the determination that the student has a learning disability and requires special education : YES (all 4 criteria have been met) NO

Each team member shall certify in writing that this report reflects her/his conclusion (**Bold** means required).

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Regular Education Teacher
Examiner/special education instruction
Examiner/pupil personnel services
Administrator
Other _____
Other _____

If this report does not reflect a team member's conclusion s/he must indicate below her/his reasons and conclusion.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____

Reason(s) and conclusion: _____

[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Reading Worksheet

(For the Identification of a Learning Disability)

This checklist must be completed for all elementary, middle, and high school students who have been referred to special education due to a suspected learning disability that affects reading. (All boxes must be checked with appropriate documentation provided.)

1. Intervention/Teacher Assistance Team

Alternative strategies have been implemented and student has not made adequate progress.

Source of Evidence: (Attach Intervention/Assistance Team information or complete chart)

Table with 3 columns: Strategies, Results, Dates (To/From). Multiple empty rows for data entry.

2. Whole Group Language Arts Instruction

Student has participated in daily whole group reading/language arts instruction provided by the classroom teacher.

Description (e.g., Read-alouds, shared reading, literature think-alouds, comprehension strategies):

Table with 1 column for description. Multiple empty rows for data entry.

3. Continuous Assessment

Continuous assessment has been done to provide a basis for instructional decisions.

Source of Evidence:

Table with 3 columns: Assessment (running records, sight word lists, retellings), Skills/Competencies Targeted Based on Assessment, Dates (To/From). Multiple empty rows for data entry.

4. Small Group Instruction by General Education Teacher

- Student has participated in small group reading instruction by classroom teacher (with materials on his/her instructional level) for a minimum of four days per week. *

Description:

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5. Intervention (by another professional knowledgeable in reading instruction)

- In addition to above, student has received small group or individual instruction based on assessed strengths and needs, for a minimum of four days per week, and under the direction of a person knowledgeable in reading instruction, (documentation indicating frequency, duration and type of instruction must be attached). *

If decoding skills are weak, child has been provided with:

- Explicit small group phonemic awareness instruction
- Explicit small group or individualized multisensory code-based instruction
- Explicit synthetic phonics instruction (part-to-whole)
- Explicit analytic phonics instruction (whole- to-part)
- Small group or individualized literature-based instruction that includes semantic and syntactic cues
- Daily fluency practice provided daily in decodable texts, as well as in rich and interesting texts at students independent reading level
- Daily opportunities to write, utilizing skills emphasized in lesson

If comprehension skills are weak, child has been provided with:

- Authentic and interesting texts for instruction
- Explicit small group or individualized instruction in active reading and comprehension strategies, which includes semantic, graphophonic and syntactic cue systems
- Vocabulary building
- Daily opportunities to write, using higher order thinking skills

(*Numbers 4 and 5 may be combined for middle school and high school students three to four days/week)

(Teacher signature)

(Date)

(Signature of person(s) responsible for item #5)

(Date)

[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Math Worksheet

(For the Identification of a Learning Disability)

This checklist must be completed for all elementary, middle, and high school students who have been referred to special education due to a suspected learning disability that affects math. (*All boxes must be checked with appropriate documentation provided.*)

1. Intervention/Teacher Assistance Team

Alternative strategies have been implemented and student has not made adequate progress.

Source of Evidence: (Attach Intervention/Assistance Team information or complete chart)

| Strategies | Results | Dates (To/From) |
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2. Continuous Assessment

Continuous assessment has been done and has provided a basis for instructional decisions.

Source of Evidence:

| Assessment (curriculum-based assessments, diagnostic teaching) | Skills/Competencies Targeted Based on Instruction | Dates (To/From) |
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3. Technology Available

Appropriate technology (e.g., calculator, computer) has been made available, as needed.

Description:

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4. Opportunities for Practice

Student has been provided with regular opportunities for both guided and independent practice.

Description:

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5. Classroom Curriculum/Instruction

Classroom instruction has incorporated “real world” examples as well as student’s personal experiences and language.

Description:

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6. Concrete to Abstract

Instruction has included the extensive use of manipulative materials to foster the development of abstract concepts.

Description:

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7. Intervention

Student has been provided with individual or small group direct instruction to re-teach weak skills.

Description:

| Interventions | Results | Dates (To/From) |
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(Teacher Signature)

(Date)

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT (LRE) PROCEDURAL CHECKLIST**

STUDENT: _____ DOB: _____

SCHOOL: _____ DATE OF PPT: _____

Note: This form is to be completed by the PPT only after all other IEP components have been fully addressed.

I. Section A: LRE Screen (This section must be completed.)

YES NO

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. All of the child's classes are in the regular educational environment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The child has the opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities (including meals, recess periods, and services and activities such as counseling services, athletics, transportation, health services, recreational activities, special interest groups or clubs sponsored by the child's LEA, and employment of students, including both employment by the LEA and assistance in making employment available) to the same extent as peers who do not have disabilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The child is educated in the school that he or she would attend if nondisabled. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

II. Section B: LRE Factors and Considerations (Complete only if "NO" has been checked for one or more of the items in Section A. Respond to all items unless otherwise indicated.)

YES NO

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The PPT based the educational placement of the child upon the child's IEP. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The PPT ensured that the child is educated to the maximum extent appropriate with children who are nondisabled. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The PPT ensured that the child participates in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities with nondisabled children to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the child. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The PPT considered the use of supplementary aids and services (such as resource room, itinerant instruction, assistive technology devices or assistive technology services) in conjunction with regular class placement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The PPT determined that the nature and severity of the child's disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The PPT selected the placement within the continuum of alternative placements which is required to implement the child's IEP. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The PPT considered any potential harmful effect of the placement on the child. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. The PPT considered any potential harmful effect of the placement on the quality of the services that the child needs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The PPT considered any potential harmful effect of the placement on the education of other children. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

YES **NO**

10. *Complete if the child is not being educated in the school that he or she would attend if nondisabled.* The child's education program is provided as close as possible to the child's home.
11. *Complete if the child's education program has been modified as the result of procedures related to discipline.* The child is receiving education services in an alternative educational setting.
12. *Complete if the child has been hospitalized.* For medical reasons the child must remain within the hospital during the school day.
13. *Complete if the child has been placed in a residential facility for other than educational reasons.* It has been determined, in accordance with the March 15, 1993 SDE-DCF Memorandum of Agreement, that for clinical reasons the child must remain within the facility during part or all of the school day.
14. *Complete if the child is confined to a detention or correctional facility.* The child must remain within the facility during the school day.
15. *Complete if the child's parent has placed the child in a privately-operated facility.* The child receives education services within the privately-operated facility.

Comments/Additional Information:

(Signature of PPT Chairperson)

(Date)

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PLANNING and PLACEMENT TEAM (PPT) ATTENDANCE**

Student: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____
School: _____ Date of PPT: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____

NOTE: THIS AGREEMENT IS OPTIONAL. Waiver of the attendance of a teacher or related service provider at a PPT meeting is optional. The district or parent/guardian may refuse to excuse such attendance.

We agree to excuse the attendance of _____ at the PPT
Teacher or related service provider
meeting scheduled for _____ because (check one):
Date

_____ This staff member's area of the curriculum *or* related services is not being modified or discussed in this meeting.

OR

_____ Although the meeting involves a modification to or discussion of this staff member's area of the curriculum *or* related services, he/she has submitted in writing, to the parent and IEP team, input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

School District Representative Date

This agreement must be signed by a representative of the school district who has full authority to sign such a document on behalf of the school district and who, as described by federal statute, is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities, is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum and is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the public agency.

Section 614(d)(1)(C) of H.R. 1350, the revised Individuals with Disabilities with Education Act, the "IDEA," provides as follows:

ATTENDANCE NOT NECESSARY: A member of the IEP Team is not required to attend a meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent of a child with a disability and the public agency (school district) agree in writing that the attendance of the member is not necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed in the meeting. (Section 614 (d)(1)(C)(i) and (iii))

EXCUSAL: A member of the IEP team may be excused from attending a meeting, in whole or in part, when the meeting involves a modification to or discussion of the member's area of the curriculum or related services, if the parent and the public agency (school district) consent, in writing, to the excusal, and the member submits, in writing to the parent and the IEP Team, input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting. (Section 614(d)(1)(C)(ii) and (iii))

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGREEMENT TO CHANGE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM WITHOUT CONVENING A PLANNING AND
PLACEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Student: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____
School: _____ IEP being changed: _____
Date the IEP was developed _____
Parent/Guardian: _____

We agree to make the changes to the student’s IEP as described in the documents specified below and which are attached to this agreement. We understand that these changes were not made at a PPT meeting. We agree only to the changes described in the attached documents. We understand that this agreement is optional and that the parent can request a PPT meeting at any time to review the IEP. We understand that this agreement can be made only if the changes are not part of an Annual Review of the student’s program.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

School District Representative Date

This agreement must be signed by a representative of the school district who has full authority to sign such a document on behalf of the school district and who, as described by federal statute, is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities, is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum and is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the public agency.

The following documents are attached to this agreement:

_____ Revised Pages 1 and 2 of the IEP dated: _____ Prior Written Notice
_____ Amendments (please specify) _____

It is expected that, at minimum, a Prior Written Notice, the revised pages 1 and 2 of the IEP being changed and any other pages of the IEP that will be different as a result of the changes made (e.g. goal and objectives pages, service delivery grid, etc.) will be attached to this agreement as verification of the changes made to the IEP.

Section 614(d)(3)(D) of H.R. 1350, the revised Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the “IDEA,” provides as follows:

AGREEMENT NOT TO CONVENE: In making changes to a child’s IEP *after* the annual IEP meeting for a school year, the parent of a child with a disability and the public agency (school district) may agree not to convene an IEP meeting for the purposes of making those changes, and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the child’s current IEP. Such changes may be made by amending the IEP rather than by redrafting the entire IEP. Upon request, a parent must be provided with a revised copy of the IEP with the amendments incorporated.

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE (SOP) Instructions for Completing ED635

Purpose: The Summary of Performance (SOP) is required under the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004). The language as stated in IDEA 2004 regarding the SOP is as follows: For a child whose eligibility under special education terminates due to graduation from secondary school with a regular diploma, or due to exceeding the age of eligibility, the local education agency **shall** provide the child with a summary of the child's academic achievement and functional performance, which shall include recommendations on how to assist the child in meeting the child's postsecondary goals.

The SOP, with accompanying documentation, is also critical as a student transitions from high school to higher education, training and/or employment. This information is necessary under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act to establish a student's eligibility for reasonable accommodations and supports in *postsecondary* settings. It is also important for determining eligibility and programming for the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) or any agency that requires documentation to provide services and/or reasonable accommodations for a student.

The SOP **must** be completed during the final year of a student's high school education. The timing of completion of the SOP may vary depending on the student's post secondary goals. If a student is transitioning to higher education, the SOP, with accompanying documentation, may be necessary as the student applies to a college or university. Likewise, this information may be necessary as a student applies for services from BRS or DMR. In some instances, it may be most appropriate to wait until the spring of a student's final year to provide an agency or employer the most updated information on the performance of the student.

Part 1: Student Demographics – Complete this section as specified. Please note this section also requests that you provide copies of the **most recent** formal and informal assessment reports that document the student's disability and provides information to assist in post-high school planning.

Part 2: Student's Postsecondary Goal(s) – These goals should identify the post-school environment the student intends to transition to upon completion of their high school education.

Part 3: Summary of Performance – This section includes three critical areas of student performance: academic, cognitive, and functional levels of performance. Next to each specified area, please complete the student's present level of performance and the accommodations, modifications and assistive technology that were **essential** in high school to assist the student in making progress. If not applicable, please specify the reason (i.e., age-appropriate, skills mastered, etc.)

An **Accommodation** is defined as a support or service that is provided to help a student fully access the general education curriculum or subject matter. Students with impaired spelling or handwriting skills, for example, may be accommodated by a note taker or given permission to take class notes on a laptop computer. An accommodation *does not change the content* of what is being taught.

A **Modification** is defined as a change to the general education curriculum or other material being taught. Teaching strategies, for example, can be modified so that the material is presented differently and/or the expectations of what the student will master are changed.

Assistive Technology is defined as any device that helps a student with a disability function in a given environment, but does not limit the device to "high-tech or costly" options. Assistive technology can also include simple devices such as laminated pictures for communication, removable highlighter tapes, velcro and other "low-tech" devices.

The completion of this section may require the input from a number of school personnel including the special education teacher, regular education teacher, school psychologist or related services personnel. It is recommended that one individual be responsible for collecting the information required on the SOP.

Part 4: Recommendations to assist student in meeting post secondary goals – This section should describe any **essential** accommodations, modifications, assistive technology or general areas of need that students will require to be successful in a **post-high school** environment, including higher education, training, employment, independent living and/or community participation. If not applicable, please specify the reason (i.e., age-appropriate, skills mastered, etc.).

Part 5: Student Input (Optional). It is highly recommended that the student provide information related to this Summary of Performance. The student’s contribution can help (a) secondary professionals complete the summary, (b) the student to better understand the impact of his/her disability on academic and functional performance in the postsecondary setting, and (c) postsecondary personnel to more clearly understand the impact of the disability on this student. This section may be filled out independently by the student or completed with the student through an interview.

A copy of this Summary of Performance can be found on the Department of Education’s website at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/>.

**[DISTRICT NAME] PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE**

Part 1: Student Information
Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Year of Graduation/Exit:** _____
Address: _____ (street) _____ (town, state) _____ (zip code)
Telephone Number: _____ **Primary Language:** _____
Current School: _____ **Name of person completing this form:** _____
Telephone number of person completing this form: _____ **Date Summary was completed:** _____
Date of most recent IEP: _____ **Student's secondary disability, if applicable:** _____
Student's primary disability: _____ **Student's secondary disability, if applicable:** _____
When was the student's disability (or disabilities) formally diagnosed? _____

Please attach copies of the most recent assessment reports that address academic, cognitive and functional performance and were instrumental in making a determination of the student's disability or diagnosis, and/or that will assist in postsecondary planning.

Part 2 – Student's Postsecondary Goal(s)

| Part 3 – Summary of Performance ACADEMIC CONTENT AREA | Present Level of Performance (grade level, standard scores, strengths, weaknesses) | Essential accommodations/ modification and/or assistive technology utilized in high school |
|---|---|---|
| Reading (Basic reading/decoding; reading comprehension; reading speed) | | |
| Math (Calculation skills, math problem solving) | | |

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| <p>Language (Written composition, written and oral expression, spelling)</p> | | |
| <p>Learning Skills (class participation, note-taking, keyboarding, organization, homework management, time management, study skills, test-taking skills)</p> | | |
| <p>COGNITIVE AREAS</p> | <p>Present Level of Performance</p> | <p>Essential accommodations/modification and/or assistive technology utilized in high school</p> |
| <p>General Ability and Problem Solving (reasoning/processing)</p> | | |
| <p>Attention and Executive Functioning (energy level, sustained attention, memory functions, processing speed, impulse control, activity level)</p> | | |
| <p>Communication (speech/language, augmentative communication)</p> | | |
| <p>Additional Relevant Factors (other cognitive strengths/weaknesses, conducive learning environments, effective learning strategies, etc.)</p> | | |
| <p>FUNCTIONAL AREAS</p> | <p>Present Level of Performance</p> | <p>Essential accommodations/modification and/or assistive technology utilized in high school</p> |
| <p>Career/Vocational/Transition (Career interests, career exploration opportunities, job training opportunities)</p> | | |

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| <p>Social Skills and Behavior (Interactions with teachers/peers, level of initiation in asking for assistance, responsiveness to services and accommodations, degree of involvement in extracurricular activities, confidence and persistence as a learner, emotional or behavioral issues related to learning and/or attention)</p> | | |
| <p>Independent Living Skills (Self-care, leisure skills, personal safety, mobility, transportation, banking, budgeting)</p> | | |
| <p>Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy Skills (Ability to identify and articulate learning strengths and weaknesses, ability to ask for assistance with independence)</p> | | |
| <p>Additional important considerations that can assist in making decisions about disability determination and needed accommodations (e.g., medical problems, family concerns, sleep disturbance, etc.)</p> | | |

Part 4 – Recommendations to assist student in meeting post secondary goals

What are the **essential** accommodations, modifications, assistive technology or general areas of support that students will need to be successful in the following **post-high school** environments:

Higher Education or Vocational Training:

Employment:

Independent Living:

Community participation:

Part 5 – Student Input (Optional)

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE: STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

- A. How does your disability affect your school work and school activities (such as grades, relationships, assignments, projects, communication, time on tests, mobility, extra-curricular activities)?**

- B. In the past, what supports have been tried by teachers or by you to help you succeed in school (aids, adaptive equipment, physical accommodations, other services)?**

- C. Which of these accommodations and supports has worked best for you?**

- D. Which of these accommodations and supports has not worked?**

- E. What strengths and needs should professionals know about you as you enter the college or work environment?**

- F. Are you independent in advocating for your needs?**

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____