

Quick Guide

Scenarios/Procedures for Special Education in Public Schools and Districts

Guidance for when a student is entering, currently enrolled in, or exiting a school or district

- This is guidance based on the law (MARSE, IDEA) but should not be construed as legal advice.
- The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on common scenarios. If your situation is more complex or you think it warrants an exception, please consult with your supervisor.
- The expectation is that staff are using EasyIEP to complete paperwork for students with IEPs. The action steps are reflective of EasyIEP. If there is an exception, please contact your supervisor to review the needed documents.

Acronyms/Definitions

Consent – must be in writing (an electronic signature must be timestamped) District representative/designee – (i) is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities; (ii) is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum; and (iii) is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the public agency. (IDEA, 300,321) FAPE – Free and Appropriate Education IEP – Individualized Education Program LEA – Local Education Agency MET – Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team REED – Review of Existing Evaluation Data BIP – Behavior Intervention Plan FBA – Functional Behavior Assessment IAES – Interim Alternative Educational Setting ISS – In School Suspension OSS – Out of School Suspension

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Evaluation

SITUATION A	PAPERWORK	
 Initial Evaluation First time being evaluated Previously eligible, then determined ineligible Previously eligible, then parent revoked Moved in from another state with a current eligibility (see Situation #7) 	 EasyIEP Demographic Sheet EasyIEP REED/Eval Plan marked Initial Evaluation EasyIEP MET Report IEP Invitation IEP marked Initial IEP New Enrollment/PWN for students from out of state, to provide FAPE 	
ACTION		
 Ensure Special Education box is checked or secretary does this). It will take overnight f Email completed Demographic Form to Ear entered in EasyIEP. (Unless student is a more case you should complete a New Enrollme #7) Team completes the EasyIEP REED/Eval Plane requests written parent consent to implet request for evaluation. 	on student's record in PowerSchool (typically the building for the student's data to transfer to EasyIEP. asyIEP@northwested.org to ensure student is accurately ove-in from out-of-state with a current eligibility, in which ent/PWN rather than a Demographic Sheet). (See Situation an, District Representative signs embedded Notice and nent evaluation plan within 10 school days of a written	
4. When team receives parent consent, the e	evaluation timeline begins. To determine and document	
 the IEP due date, you will need to enter dates into EasyIEP. Go to Admin tab, select Eligibility Info, then add the following: a. Referral Date box – enter the date of the parent's signature of the REED b. Parent Consent Received by Administrator Date box – enter the date the administrator received the (signed) parent consent. c. Update the Database. You will be prompted to confirm the events. Check-mark both boxes and Consent Granted? "ves" 		
This starts the 30-day timeline to complete the evaluation timeline. Confirm the due date by going		
 back to the Admin/Eligibility Tab. 5. Team evaluates and completes MET repo 6. LEA convenes IEP meeting and a. If team finds student eligible, offers F/on the REED/Eval Plan paperwork. 	rt and eligibility recommendation in EasyIEP.	
 b. If team finds student ineligible, compl "Options(s) and Other Factors Conside 	ete Ineligible IEP in EasyIEP within 30 school days. In the ered but Not Selected" section of Notice in the IEP,	

- document consideration of eligibility and why student was not eligible.
- 7. Team emails finalized, signed Initial REEDs, MET Report, Initial IEPs and Ineligible IEPs to EasyIEP@northwested.org continued processing.

SITUATION B		
Reevaluation	EasyleP REED/Eval Plan marked Reevaluation	
• For eligibility determination and data	EasyIEP MET Report, if needed	
collection for determining programming	IEP Invitation marked Reevaluation	
and services or	IEP marked Reevaluation	
 Not questioning eligibility but gathering 		
data for programming and services (the		
current data are sufficient to determine		
continued eligibility)		
ACTION		
1. Team completes the REED/Eval Plan proces	s, district representative signs notice and requests parent	
consent to implement evaluation plan (if ad	ditional data are needed).,	
a. Document varied attempts to obtain parent consent; if parent is unresponsive after 3		
documented attempts on different days,	proceed with Reevaluation.	
b. If no additional data are needed, there is	no need to obtain parent consent.	
2. If additional data are needed,		
a. To determine eligibility, programming and services, the team evaluates and completes MET Report		
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b. To only determine programming and services, add the new data that was collected under the		
Assessment tab in EasyIEP. Note: An additional report is not required (note in the REED/eval plan that the additional information collected will be included in the IED/Amandment)		
unal the additional information collected will be included in the IEP/Amendment).		
3. II no additional data are needed, complete REED with "Notice of Sufficient Data" box checked and		
add appropriate eligibility summary in text box. There is only a need to complete a MET Cover page,		
II the eligibility criteria has changed.		
4. LEA convenes IEP meeting within 30 school days or revaluation due date, whichever is sooner.		
a. If team finds student eligible, offers FAPE.		
b. If team finds student ineligible, complete Ineligible IEP in EasyIEP. In the "Options(s) and Other		
Factors Considered but Not Selected" section of Notice in the IEP, document consideration of		
eligibility and why student was not eligib		
5. Team emails finalized, signed Reevaluation	REED, MET and Eligible IEPs to EasyIEP@northwested.org	
for continued processing.		

SITUATION C	PAPERWORK
 Additional Data Collection Only for data collection for determining programming and services (it is not a 3-year Reevaluation) 	 EasyIEP REED/Eval Plan marked Additional Data Collection IEP Invitation, if needed IEP or Amendment
ACTION	

1. Team completes the EasyIEP REED/Eval Plan, District Representative signs embedded Notice and requests written parent consent to implement evaluation plan.

- 2. Add the new data that was collected under the Assessment tab in EasyIEP.
- 3. An additional report is not required (note in the REED/Eval plan that the additional information collected will be included in the IEP/Amendment).
- 4. Convene IEP Team meeting or hold Amendment within 30 school days.
- 5. Team emails IEP or Amendment to EasyIEP@northwested.org.

SITUATION D	PAPERWORK
Consideration of changing a service	REED/Eval Plan, if needed
Adding a service	 Invitation for IEP, if needed
 Terminating a service 	IEP or Amendment
 Changing between consult and direct 	
ACTION	
1. If no additional data are needed to propose the change, then	

- a. LEA convenes IEP team meeting or amendment.
- b. Potential Service Provider is invited and/or consulted prior to the IEP or Amendment.
- c. PLAAFP must include data and indicate impact.
- d. If service is added/removed/etc., note appropriately in IEP.
- e. Service change noted in Option(s) and Other Factors Considered but Not Selected.
- 2. If additional data are needed, refer to Situation #3.
- 3. Email paperwork EasyIEP@northwested.org.

SITUATION E	PAPERWORK
Timeline Extension for Initial IEPs, reevaluation or additional data collection	• See below
ACTION	
1. See Special Education Extension of Evaluation Timeline Guidance and Procedure Document	

IEP

SITUATION F	PAPERWORK	
IEP Amendment	 EasyIEP Amendment 	
 To change or correct IEP content 		
ACTION		
1. Contract Superviser for expressed		
i. Contact Supervisor for approval.		
2. Contact parent and relevant service providers, discuss and obtain consensus to hold amendment		

- 2. Contact parent and relevant service providers, discuss and obtain consensus to hold amendment rather than IEP.
- 3. Document parent contact and agreement in EasyIEP Parent Contact section.
- 4. Complete amendment process in EasyIEP.
- 5. District representative signs notice and emails offer of FAPE to parent.
- 6. Email amendment to EasyIEP@northwested.org

SITUATION G	PAPERWORK
Excusal Process - for IEP Team Meeting	• Excusal part of Section 1 of the IEP
Attendance	
• For the rare instance when a provider is	
unable to attend the IEP	
ACTION	

- 1. If a team member is unable to attend the IEP, the following must happen:
 - a. The team member contacts the parent and the district rep and gets permission and logs parent contact in EasyIEP Parent contact log.
 - b. Team member discussed relevant content with parent prior to the IEP Team meeting.
 - c. Team member ensures another present team member obtains parent consent signature at the IEP Team meeting (Section 1).
- 2. If parent or district representative does not give consent, then the provider is not excused.

SITUATION H	PAPERWORK
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Progress Reports	• IEP Progress Report
 Progress reports following an IEP 	
ACTION	
1. Progress reports are completed at the same time as report cards unless otherwise specified in the	
individual IEP.	
2 Progress reports should be sent at the end of the IEP cycle to FasyIEP@northwested org	

Transfers to Your School & Exits from Your School

SITUATION I	PAPERWORK
Transfer within LEA	<u>Add/Change/Drop Form</u>
• From one school to another within LEA	
(Example: Blair to Central Grade - within	
TCAPS)	
ACTION	
1. District representative (from new school) completes Add Form and emails to	
EasyIEP@northwested.org.	

SITUATION J	PAPERWORK
Transfer to LEA within MI with a current	<u>New Enrollment/PWN</u>
IEP	• Invitation and IEP marked annual review (if not fully
Between North Ed Districts	implementing current IEP)
 From one LEA to another LEA 	<u>New Enrollment Guidance Document</u>
 From nonpublic to LEA 	

ACTION

- 1. School reviews student's current IEP.
 - a. If IEP will be fully implement without changes, complete New Enrollment Form and hold new IEP by annual due date.
 - b. If the IEP will be implemented with changes, complete New Enrollment Form, and provide a new offer of FAPE within 30 school days or prior to the IEP due date whichever comes first.
- 2. District representative completes and provides New Enrollment/PWN in Special Education to parent and EasyIEP@northwested.org.
 - a. Include the current IEP and MET from previous school when emailing

EasyIEP@northwested.org (if the most recent IEP was held outside of our districts).

- 3. If student is transferring from nonpublic to an LEA with a current IEP and NSP, contact EasyIEP office and SAS.
- 4. If student is transferring from a school that does not use PCG/EasyIEP, the EasyIEP Team may request that the IEP Team add data, goals, etc. into the IEP Process tab in EdPlan.

The student must have a current IEP completed by count day. This supersedes the 30-day timeline and the IEP due date.

SITUATION K	PAPERWORK
Transfer to LEA within MI with expired IEP	<u>New Enrollment/PWN</u>
• Entering your district from a Michigan	• REED (if needed)
district outside of our 5-county region	• PCG MET Report (if needed)
From one LEA to another LEA	Invitation and IEP
 From nonpublic to LEA 	
 Eligibility may or may not be current 	
ACTION	
1. Review MET report to see if eligibility is curr	ent.
a. Complete REED/Eval Plan if eligibility is expired. (see #2 Reevaluation)	
2. School reviews student's expired IEP to determine FAPE offer for 30 school days via New	
Enrollment/PWN.	
 District representative completes and emails New Enrollment/PWN in Special Education to parent and EasyIEP@northwested.org. 	
a. Include the most recent IEP and MET from previous school when emailing.	
EasyIEP@northwested.org (if the most recent IEP was held outside of our districts).	

4. Conduct IEP within 30 school days of enrollment and email it to EasyIEP@northwested.org.

SITUATION L	PAPERWORK
Transfer from outside of MI	<u>New Enrollment/PWN</u>
• Entering your district from a state other	 EasyIEP REED/Eval Plan marked Initial
than Michigan	PCG MET Report
 With current or expired IEP 	IEP Invitation marked Initial
 With current or expired eligibility 	• IEP marked <i>Initial</i>

ACTION

- 1. School reviews student's IEP to determine FAPE offer for 30 school days via New Enrollment/PWN Notice.
- 2. District representative completes and emails New Enrollment/PWN in Special Education to parent and <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u>.

a. Include current IEP and MET when emailing EasyIEP@northwested.org.

3. Team completes REED/Eval Plan and subsequent IEP (see Situation #1)

SITUATION M	PAPERWORK
Exited and enrolled in another public school district in Michigan • Student enrolled at another public school district in Michigan or transfers to a North Ed center-based program) and is known to be continuing in education or student left to attend a public in-state cyber school or virtual school.	 Complete the Drop portion of the Add/Change/Drop form using code #08 (Enrolled in another public school district in Michigan).
ACTION	
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested</u> a. <i>Add/Change/Drop</i> form 	<u>.org</u> for processing and scanning.

SITUATION N	PAPERWORK
 Exited and enrolled in nonpublic school Student has withdrawn from the district to attend a nonpublic school, such as a parochial school OR a student has withdrawn from a district to attend a nonpublic in-state cyber school or virtual school 	 Complete the <i>Add/Change/Drop</i> form using code #15 (Enrolled in nonpublic school)
ACTION	
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. a. Add/Change/Drop form 	

SITUATION O	PAPERWORK
Exited and enrolled in homeschool Student has withdrawn from the district and receives instruction offered in a home for reasons other than health OR student has withdrawn from a district to attend an out-of- state cyber school or virtual school.	• Complete the <i>Add/Change/Drop</i> form using code #14 (Enrolled in home school)
ACTION	
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. a. Add/Change/Drop form 	

SITUATION P	PAPERWORK	
Moved out of state Student physically moved outside the original district of residence to another state or country, includes foreign exchange students returning to their home country.	• Complete the <i>Add/Change/Drop</i> form using code #09 (Moved out of state)	
ACTION		
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. a. Add/Change/Drop form 		

SITUATION Q	PAPERWORK	
Dropped out of school The student, upon reaching age 16, stopped attending school and no reason was given, OR student with an IEP left school before reaching age 26 as of September 1 of the current school year without completing their educational program.	• Complete the <i>Add/Change/Drop</i> form using code #07 (Dropped out of school)	
ACTION		
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. a. Add/Change/Drop form 		

SITUATION R	PAPERWORK
Graduated with a regular diploma	Add/Change/Drop form using one of the codes below:
Graduated with a regular diploma Student earned a high school diploma, including early graduates who earn high school diplomas and students with an IEP who met the Michigan Merit Curriculum graduation requirements. Exclude any students who met IEP requirements but did not receive a high school diploma.	 Add/Change/Drop form using one of the codes below: #01 Graduated from general education with a high school diploma #02 Graduated from general education with a high school diploma & applied to a degreegranting college/university #04 Graduated from general education with a high school diploma & applied to a non-degree granting institution Graduation IEP (IEP completed during the last year of high school) Purpose of IEP marked Graduation IEP IEP End Date: Date of Graduation Summary of Performance in EdPlan, look up the student and then go to Documents-Special Education (This is typically completed as close to graduation as possible. This will usually be different than the IEP date.) Notice for Exit of Special Education in EdPlan look up the student and then go to Documents, Special Education (This is typically completed at the same time as the Summary of Performance)
ACTION	
Send the following to EasyIEP@r	orthwested org for processing and scanning
ACTION • Send the following to EasyIEP@r	 Notice for Exit of Special Education in EdPlan look up the student and then go to Documents, Special Education (This is typically completed at the same time as the Summary of Performance)

- a. Add/Change/Drop form
- b. Graduation IEP (Only if this has not previously been sent)
- c. Completed Summary of Performance
- d. Completed Notice for Exit of Special Education

SITUATION S	PAPERWORK
Student is no longer eligible for	Complete REED
special education	Complete ineligible IEP
Through the REED process, the IEP	
team determined the student is no	
longer eligible for special education	
services or programs.	
ACTION	

- Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning (EdPlan Office will select *Exit Reason: IEP team determined student no longer in need of special education services or programs* and exit code 19 Expected to continue in the same school district when deactivating student)
 - a. REED
 - b. Ineligible IEP

SITUATION T	PAPERWORK
Revocation	 Revocation is requested in writing (<u>North Ed</u>
Parent, guardian, or student who has	<u>Revocation of Parent Consent</u> form or personal letter)
reached the age of majority and is	Complete Acknowledgement of Revocation of Parent
their own guardian has revoked	Consent in EdPlan with School District Superintendent
consent for special education.	or Designee signature (the PWN is embedded in this
	form) or a stand-alone <u>PWN</u> .

ACTION

• Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning.

- a. Acknowledgement of Revocation of Parent Consent or stand-alone PWN
- Ensure the following receive a signed copy of the *Acknowledgement of Revocation of Parent Consent* or stand-alone PWN
 - a. Parent/Guardian
 - b. CA-60
- Provide parent with a copy of the *Procedural Safeguards*

SITUATION U	PAPERWORK
SITUATION U Special Education: Received certificate of completion and exited the K-12 system Including post high school programming.	 PAPERWORK Add/Change/Drop form using code #20 (Special education: Received certificate of completion and exited the K-12 system) Final IEP (IEP completed during the last year of school) Purpose of IEP- Other, receiving certification of completion Summary of Performance in EdPlan, look up the student and then go to Documents, Special Education (This is typically completed as close to graduation as possible. This will usually be different than the IEP date.) Notice for Exit of Special Education in EdPlan, look up the student and then go to Document for the student of the student o
	the student and then go to Documents, Special Education (This is typically completed at the same time
	Education (This is typically completed at the same time as the Summary of Performance)
ACTION	

- Send the following to EasyIEPnNorthweseEd.org for processing and scanning.
 - a. Add/Change/Drop form
 - b. Final IEP (Only if this has not previously been sent)
 - c. Completed Summary of Performance
 - d. Completed Notice for Exit of Special Education
- Provide parent with a copy of the *Procedural Safeguards*

SITUATION V	PAPERWORK
SITUATION V Special Education: Reached maximum age and exited the K- 12 system This includes post high school programming. Student reached age 26 as of September 1 of the current school year and is no longer eligible to attend school.	 PAPERWORK Add/Change/Drop form using code #21 (Special Education-Reached maximum age and exited the K-12 system) Final IEP (IEP completed during the last year of school) Purpose of IEP marked Other, receiving certification of completion- reached max age IEP End Date – June 30, 20XX Summary of Performance in EdPlan- look up the student and then go to Documents-Special Education (This is typically completed as close to graduation as possible. This will usually be different than the IEP date.) Notice for Exit of Special Education in EdPlan- look up the student and then go to Documents-Special Education Education (This is typically completed as close to graduation as possible. This will usually be different than the IEP date.)
	as the Summary of Performance)
ACTION	
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@n</u> 	orthwested.org for processing and scanning.

- a. Add/Change/Drop form
- b. Final IEP (Only if this has not previously been sent)
- c. Completed Summary of Performance
- d. Completed Notice for Exit of Special Education

SITUATION W	PAPERWORK
Exited early childhood or Early On	Add/Change/Drop form using code #30
program/service	(Exited early childhood or Early On
Child has left early childhood or Early On	program/service)
program/service and will not be continuing in the	• Note: If the child has left their program and
district.	will subsequently be entering kindergarten
	in the district, report as code #19 (expected
	to continue in the same school district.)

ACTION

Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. a. Add/Change/Drop form2

SITUATION X	PAPERWORK	
Deceased	Complete Add/Change/Drop form using	
Student with a current IEP passes away.	code #12 (Deceased)	
ACTION		
 Send the following to <u>EasyIEP@northwested.org</u> for processing and scanning. 		
a. Add/Change/Drop form		

Behavior

SITUATION Y	PAPERWORK
#16 Manifestation Determination Review	<u>Prior Written Notice (PWN)</u>
(MDR)	Procedural Safeguards Notice
	Invitation
	• MDR
	• Revised or new FBA and /or BIP, IEP, and/or IAES as
	necessary

ACTION

- 1. District representative provides PWN and Procedural Safeguards Notice to parent on the day the decision was made to change the student's placement (e.g. OSS, ISS). This could occur in the district's suspension letter if it contains the legal components of Notice.
- 2. MDR scheduled within 10 school days of the decision to change placement.
- 3. If it is found to be a manifestation, district will do one of the following:
 - a. Conduct an FBA if one is not completed and implement a BIP.
 - b. Review the BIP and modify as needed.
 - c. Return student to placement from which student was removed (unless special circumstances reference discipline flow chart) or unless LEA and parent agree to change of placement as part of the BIP.
- 4. If it is not found to be a manifestation, student's discipline is as if the student were a general education student.
- 5. LEA emails Suspension letter (or Notice of Change of Placement), MDR (FBA and BIP) to EasyIEP@northwested.org.

Additional Resources:

Special Education Public Quick Guide Special

Education Nonpublic Quick Guide North Ed

Add/Change/Drop form

FAQs Topic: Procedures for Students with IEPs who are Exiting High School

Graduation Guidance for Students with an IEP Receiving a Diploma

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