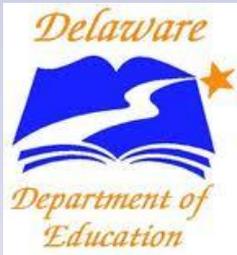


IEP PLUS Overview

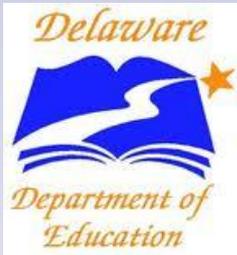
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This power point will answer the following questions:

- *Why do we need a state-wide system?*
- *Why did DOE choose IEPPlus?*
- *What is DOE doing to ensure fidelity of implementation of IEPPlus and address problems/concerns?*



Why do we need a state-wide system?

- Delaware uses a statewide Pupil Accounting system called eSchool (Vendor: SunGuard).
- eSchool tracks Enrollment, Attendance, Medical, Mark Reporting, Discipline, Testing, Free and Reduced Lunch and much more.



Why do we need a state-wide system?

- Prior to a state-wide data system, LEAs had to compile their own special education data and send it to DOE.

- The submitted data is used for things such as:
 - ✓ Developing Delaware's State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Plan to submit to the federal Office of Special Education Services including:
 - Indicators 1/2: Graduation/Dropout Rate
 - Indicator 3: Participation/Performance on State-wide assessment
 - Indicator 4: Disproportionality re: Suspension/Expulsion
 - Indicators 5/6: Least Restrictive Environment



Why do we need a state-wide system?

- Indicators 9/10: Disproportionate Representation re: Identification
- Indicator 11: Timely Evaluations
- Indicator 12: Transition from Part C to Part B
- Indicator 13: Secondary Transition in the IEP
- ✓ Conducting a data-based risk analysis to Identify LEAs for On-Site monitoring
- ✓ Monitoring Needs-Based Funding
- ✓ Monitoring Equitable Services to Parentally Placed Private Schools Students
- ✓ Responding to data requested through FOIA requests
- ✓ Responding to data requested by stakeholder groups



Why do we need a state-wide system?

- The need for an online IEP system was identified to provide consistency in the IEP, relieve the burden from LEAs of compiling/submitting IEP data, and aid in increasingly comprehensive monitoring.
- In addition, when parents call DOE with questions or concerns, it is often relating to their child's IEP. A state-wide system would allow DOE to view the IEP while talking with the parent to address their concerns.
- The state-wide IEP system needed to be able to interface with the current state-wide student accounting system, eSchool.



Why did DOE choose IEP Plus?

- IEP Plus is an extension of eSchool.
- IEPPlus integrates Special Education data directly into eSchool so that Delaware has a live database of Special Education data for all student with disabilities.



Why did DOE choose IEP Plus?

Prior to 2009

- DOE met with stakeholders (parents, Parent Information Center and representatives from stakeholder groups) to revise the IEP process and documentation based on the reauthorization of IDEA.
- IEP was piloted (paper version), reviewed/revise and implemented.
- Meetings with stakeholders included discussion of instituting an online IEP system.



Why did DOE choose IEP Plus?

- Once a state-wide online system was established, IEP forms were developed within IEP Plus.
- 4 LEAs piloted IEP Plus (Woodbridge, Appoquinimink, Caesar Rodney, Smyrna). Constant revisions were made based on the feedback from the 4 districts and their users.
- As part of the statewide rollout of IEPPlus, training was provided to all LEAs by DOE through SunGard.



What is DOE doing to ensure fidelity of implementation of IEP Plus and to address problems/concerns?

- Continued training offered by DOE through SunGard as a support to LEAs
 - ✓ In Person
 - LEAs reserve time through DOE
 - ✓ Webinars
 - Specific topics targeted to different audiences (system administrators, Educational Diagnosticians, teachers, etc.)



What is DOE doing to ensure fidelity of implementation of IEP Plus and to address issues/concerns?

➤ State-Wide Meetings

- ✓ 3x/year
- ✓ IEP Plus point person(s) from LEAs attend
 - Point person(s) are emailed prior to meeting asking for questions/concerns they would like addressed at the meeting
 - Agenda includes updates on IEP Plus, review of specific features, answers questions/concerns submitted



What is DOE doing to ensure fidelity of implementation of IEPPlus and to address issues/concerns?

➤ DOE Help Desk

- ✓ After attempting to resolve the issue at the local level, LEA point person(s) may submit a ticket to the DOE Help Desk for support.
 - Some problems need be resolved at the local level such as speed and connectivity which is a local server issue.
 - Other problems need to be resolved at the state level.



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