

Greetings,

Welcome back to PowerSchool Special Education and the new school year.

There have been changes in the PowerSchool Special Education application to address MDE requirements and enhance your overall experience.

Below is a summary of the upgrade changes you'll find as you begin working in PowerSchool Special Education (a.k.a. Tienet):

Student Plans

IEP

Participants and Profile Section

- New IEP Purpose: **'Initial: Out of State Transfer'** for use in the IEP subsequent to a Move in From Out of State TSD
- The IEP held subsequent to an Out of State TSD determines eligibility and sets annual and reevaluation compliance dates.
- A REED with purpose Out of State TSD is required for the eligibility determination IEP that is held subsequent to an Out of State TSD (*can be data sufficient with no additional evaluation*)
- Qualifying Criteria now automatically updates in draft and newly created IEPs.
- Qualifying Criteria can be edited only when the meeting purpose is Initial, Reevaluation, or Out of State TSD

Transfer of Student with Disability - Part B (TSD)

- Qualifying Criteria fields are added and require completion in all drafts and newly created TSDs.

IFSP

Cover Sheet Section

- Amendment can no longer be selected as an IFSP meeting purpose.
- New IFSP Purpose is Periodic Review replaces the previous Six Month Review
- The Cover Sheet Participants area has been reformatted
- A new checkbox is added to Participants next to Parent /Guardians (to populate in the document)
- Primary Disability and Qualifying Criteria from the most recent finalized IFSP will now populate in all newly opened IFSPs as well as drafts. This data is editable for all IFSP purposes.

Developmental Status Section

- Section is reformatted and organized by Developmental Area with added columns.
- Data automatically updates in the new format when accessing non-final IFSPs and when copying to create a new IFSP.

Early On

Early On Prior Written Notice

- Includes comprehensive changes as required by the MDE June 2018

Eligibility

- 'Deaf and Hard of Hearing' label replaces 'Hearing Impairment' (MARSE) R 340.1707- JULY

Deaf and Hard of Hearing replaces Hearing Impairment where referenced in document, student and staff data fields, e.g. Eligibility Recommendation document, all disability, support services, program, qualifying criteria, and personnel position labels that reference disability.

The Public Health Code, the Mental Health Code, and the Division on Deafness Act were recently amended (2016 PA 238 to 2016 PA 241) to update terminology and to remove references to “hearing impairment.” The MARSE rule was amended to align with those statutory changes, replacing outdated and offensive language with “deaf or hard of hearing” and “hearing loss.”

Discipline:

Patterns of Removals- *New*

- Document to track patterns of removals, determine 11 day removals and document Offer of FAPE.
- Please direct questions to Gail Trudell, Scott Dukate, or your direct supervisor.

PBSP / FBA

- New column added under Summary of Hypothesis: New Identify Function

Look for information about a new copy feature for the Patterns of Removals, PBSP, and FBA that will be coming soon.

Letters and Notices

Release of Information

- Document is re-formatted to request authorization to release Educational, Medicaid and Health, and Mental Health related information.
- Authorization to release Mental Health records must be completed separately from Educational, Medicaid and Health related information.

Other

Reminder of new documents released in March of 2018

Parent Consent for Additional SE Evaluation-Custom

- Use for informed consent and written notice for FBA to determine the need for BIP.

Medical Opinion: Other Health/Physical-Custom

- Use for verification of current medical diagnosis for either Other Health Impairment or Physical Impairment.
- Choose Other Health Impairment and Physical Impairment

Parent Signature Request-Custom

- Use to request Parent signature for Initial IEP or IFSP, Initial Evaluation, Additional Special Education Evaluation, and Other documents as needed.

This summary of changes can also be found in the PSSE application Help Menu (? in upper right corner of the PSSE home screen).