

STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN / ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT: PART B

for STATE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAMS under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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Introduction

Instructions

Provide sufficient detail to ensure that the Secretary and the public are informed of and understand the State's systems designed to drive improved results for students with disabilities and to ensure that the State Educational Agency (SEA) and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) meet the requirements of IDEA Part B. This introduction must include descriptions of the State's General Supervision System, Technical Assistance System, Professional Development System, Stakeholder Involvement, and Reporting to the Public.

Intro - Indicator Data

Executive Summary

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE): Special Education Programs (SEP) Division implements a general supervision system that aligns with both the letter and spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The WDE has worked to develop and implement a State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) process that is not only a means of reporting to OSEP and the public on statewide data for students with disabilities, but is also an essential part of a holistic system of general supervision. The Wyoming General Supervision System is one that is integrated, robust, and responsive to data represented in the SPP/APR OSEP indicators. Ultimately, the SPP/APR process plays a key role in continuously improving educational results and functional outcomes for students with disabilities.

Additional information related to data collection and reporting

Differences in LEA #: The educational structure regarding Part B IDEA students is unique to Wyoming and is crucial in understanding parts of Wyoming's State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report. It should be noted that the number of LEAs counted for certain Indicators will vary. There are 48 traditional K-12 LEAs. There is 1 LEA who is the authorizing board (statutorily) and is the designated LEA for all publicly funded Charter Schools in the state. Finally, there is 1 LEA (the Behavioral Health Division of the WY Department of Health) who is the single designated LEA (statutorily) for providing IDEA services to all preschool, Part B children with disabilities ages 3-5 (and not enrolled in kindergarten) in the state. Therefore:

Indicators 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 9, 10, 13, and 14 have 49 LEAs (48 K-12 + 1 Charter Schools)

Indicators 6, 7, and 12 have 1 LEA (the Behavioral Health Division)

Indicators 8, 11, 15, and 16 have 50 LEAs (48 K-12 + 1 Behavioral Health Division + 1 Charter Schools)

Number of Districts in your State/Territory during reporting year

50

General Supervision System:

The systems that are in place to ensure that the IDEA Part B requirements are met (e.g., integrated monitoring activities; data on processes and results; the SPP/APR; fiscal management; policies, procedures, and practices resulting in effective implementation; and improvement, correction, incentives, and sanctions). Include a description of all the mechanisms the State uses to identify and verify correction of noncompliance and improve results. This should include, but not be limited to, State monitoring, State database/data system, dispute resolution, fiscal management systems as well as other mechanisms through which the State is able to determine compliance and/or issue written findings of noncompliance. The State should include the following elements:

Describe the process the State uses to select LEAs for monitoring, the schedule, and number of LEAs monitored per year.

On-Site Monitoring: Annually, the State chooses "focus indicators" to guide the selection of districts for on-site monitoring. This yields a single percentage score for each of the Wyoming LEAs. The focused indicators used for the 2022-2023 monitoring cycle include: Indicators 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14C. Additional concerns were identified through fiscal monitoring. In order to facilitate the selection process and ensure equity among districts, the WDE has divided the state's 48 K-12 school districts, one LEA charter school, and the Behavioral Health Division (BHD is the public agency responsible for IDEA Part B children ages 3-5) into four population groups based on overall student enrollment figures. Each year, using the results of the selection formula, all districts are rank-ordered within these four population groups and the districts with the lowest overall percentage scores in each population group are selected. WDE plans to monitor eight to nine school districts per year (four in the fall, four in the spring, and one in the summer) to ensure that all LEAs are monitored in a six-year cycle. If a district is still working through a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) from the previous school year, the WDE will not monitor the district in the current school year. In addition, as part of its general supervision responsibilities, WDE is required to address a "credible allegation regarding an IDEA policy, procedure, practice or other requirement that raises one or more potential implementation or compliance issues if confirmed true." [State General Supervision Responsibilities Under Parts B and C of the IDEA, July 24, 2023] Therefore, WDE has the responsibility to investigate any information that may be considered a credible concern. This means that when a district is flagged with such a concern, WDE will undertake a thorough verification process. During this process, the WDE leadership team assesses the validity and seriousness of the reported issue to determine if it necessitates further action. If the concern is found to be significant, WDE will then decide if the situation warrants onsite monitoring to ensure compliance and proper implementation of IDEA policies and procedures.

Annually for every LEA, the following monitoring activities occur:

Stable Assessment (SA): LEAs participate in the SA on an annual basis. The SA includes a self-assessment and several activities conducted by WDE monitoring teams. The self-assessment portion of the SA includes a measure of procedural compliance with several key federal and state requirements. The WDE developed a checklist that must be applied to a sample of twenty student files. The checklist measures compliance with several program requirements which are not as closely related to student outcomes as those embodied in the SPP. Nonetheless, the requirements are taken directly from the IDEA regulations and every LEA is expected to maintain 100% compliance with each one. All files are verified to ensure compliance.

The Stable Assessment also includes focused reviews in three additional areas, which are conducted by WDE staff. These internal reviews, known as the Annual Internal Compliance Review, focus on measuring timeliness of data reporting, accuracy of data reporting, and compliance with transition requirements. First, the WDE tracks the timeliness of each district's various data submissions. Timeliness is judged by considering submission dates for the self-assessment results, the certification date of the three WDE 684 submissions, and Indicator 13 data submissions. These submissions are considered as the WDE determines each LEA's timeliness.

Next, the WDE measures accuracy by conducting a data accuracy check on each district's files submitted for the transition component of the Annual Internal Compliance Review. A total of twenty files are reviewed unless a district has less than 20 students, in which case all files are reviewed. In order to ascertain the level of districts' data accuracy, WDE staff members compare student-level items from district data reports with details from special education files. Any discrepancies between files and the reported data are cited. In rare cases when merited by this review, WDE will schedule a full monitoring of accuracy that examines additional data elements for a larger number of students.

The final component of the SA is an annual Indicator 13 internal review. Annually, the WDE requests a sample of files for students of transition age. The

WDE reviews these files in light of IDEA's transition requirements, and if any noncompliance is found, the WDE responds in writing with a finding letter and specific guidance to assist the district in correcting the deficiencies and achieving compliance. Districts must provide an assurance of correction after taking the actions described in the Department's letter and districts must also send evidence documenting the fact that correction has taken place in the case of each student (Prior Written Notice forms are the preferred type of documentation). LEAs that failed to achieve 100% compliance during the first review must submit additional files for a secondary review. This secondary review includes several new student files as well as several files that were out of compliance during the initial review. Even though these districts have provided assurance of correction after the initial review, the WDE verifies that the specific violations have been corrected not only for the individual students in the initial sample but also for the whole population of transition-age students in the district.

Risk-Based Assessment (RBA): The WDE conducts additional monitoring activities in districts based on performance on select indicators: 3A, 4, 5C, 6C, 9, 10, 11, and 12. LEAs are required to participate in the RBA when the data falls outside of a defined range on any of the aforementioned indicators. In general, the RBA asks districts to explain the reasons for lower-than-expected performance in one or more areas (indicators). For example, for Indicator 3A, the district is asked to explain why certain students with disabilities in WY-TOPP test-taking grades did not participate in one or more assessment subtests. For Indicator 11, the LEA must explain the circumstances behind its failure to meet the 60-day timeframe for an initial evaluation. Depending on the LEA's response, the WDE may ask for additional information or require the district to implement activities designed to prevent future poor performance. Any failure to meet the 60-day timeframe for an initial evaluation is considered a finding of noncompliance and districts are immediately notified as such.

When a district's performance on Indicators 9 and/or 10 results in an Alternate Risk Ratio of >3.00 or <0.25 , the WDE requests the files of students who comprise the group(s) flagged for possible inappropriate identification. WDE monitoring team members then review the evaluation procedures used in each student's case to determine if evaluations and eligibility determinations were made in accordance with IDEA requirements. Districts who have found students eligible under incorrect evaluation procedures or due to faulty eligibility determinations are required to address the noncompliance immediately through a corrective action process.

Describe how student files are chosen, including the number of student files that are selected, as part of the State's process for determining an LEA's compliance with IDEA requirements and verifying the LEA's correction of any identified compliance.

Once a district is selected for on-site monitoring, the WDE initiates a process called prestaffing. During this phase, WDE reviews district-level data for students with disabilities to identify potential areas of noncompliance that may explain the district's performance in specific areas. The data reviewed extends beyond the focus indicators in the selection formula and includes all available district data, such as WY-TOPP results, graduation rates, discipline data, related service data, attendance, and more. Before the prestaffing meeting, WDE's data contractor, Data Driven Enterprises, prepares data reports. These reports compile information from the aforementioned sources and aid in brainstorming at the start of each prestaffing meeting. During the meeting, the monitoring team evaluates district performance across various indicators and compares it to state and target rates. Using this data, a compliance hypothesis is developed.

In the WDE's CIFM system, a compliance hypothesis is simply a statement about the specific types of noncompliance that may be indicated by the district's data. The purpose of this effort is to generate questions for further exploration, helping the team uncover possible connections between suggestive district data and areas of noncompliance. In other words, WDE uses compliance hypotheses to guide and focus its on-site activities to determine whether there are violations that, if corrected, could positively impact educational results and improve functional outcomes for children, as measured by the various data points and indicators reviewed during the prestaffing. Developing clear and concise hypotheses allows the monitoring team to conduct a structured and systematic on-site visit. In line with the requirements established in 34 C.F.R. §§300.600 through 300.604, WDE typically develops compliance hypotheses in areas closely related to improving student performance, educational results, and functional outcomes for students with disabilities. Common compliance hypotheses have been developed in areas such as FAPE, LRE, Extended School Year (ESY), Assistive Technology (AT), and Provision of Related Services.

For each compliance hypothesis developed, the WDE monitoring team selects a sample of students for closer examination. The composition of each sample varies with each hypothesis and can be generated using one of two methods: purposeful sampling and/or random sampling. Sample sizes range from 50-200+ unless an LEA has less than 50 students, in which case all files are reviewed. In a purposeful sample, students are selected based on the presumed likelihood of their exhibiting noncompliance related to the hypothesis. In other words, a purposeful sample includes students who are most likely to be affected by a district's potential noncompliance. A random sample selects a statistically significant portion of the district's population, allowing for meaningful review and analysis. The random sample may be used when the data drill down does not reveal specific paths or trends that could inform a purposeful sample. In some cases, the WDE uses a combination of the two sample types to make a large purposeful sample more manageable. For example, a purposeful sample may be reduced by only considering students at particular schools or in certain grade levels. This approach enables the monitoring team to maximize its resources (primarily staff and time) without unduly burdening the LEA.

A verification monitoring is carried out within one year following the initial monitoring, during which the LEA has been under corrective action. Before the one-year timeframe expires, the WDE has a team of monitors engage in a fresh monitoring activity to determine the current compliance status of each finding area. These activities are known as "verifications." When prestaffing for a verification visit to a particular district, the WDE uses the most recent district data available to determine whether or not the District's performance has improved for every indicator related to a finding area from the original monitoring report. For example, if the WDE found that a district was in violation of IDEA's LRE requirements, current district performance on SPP Indicator 5 would be reviewed and compared to the district's prior year performance on that indicator. The WDE selects a two-part sample: a random sample of new student files to review for compliance with the regulations that underpinned the original finding of noncompliance along with re-reviewing files for students that were found to be noncompliant during the initial monitoring. The random sample is comprised of 35-100 new student files based upon district census and monitoring hypotheses.

Describe the data system(s) the State uses to collect monitoring and SPP/APR data, and the period from which records are reviewed.

The Special Program's Division uses two systems to collect data for the SPP/APR indicators and for monitoring. First, the WDE has a data collection system utilizing the Student Interoperability Framework (SIF), custom APIs, and file uploads. Each of these methods is premised on secure communications with district student information systems, special education vendors, or district personnel. All information systems and databases are currently hosted by the State of Wyoming's Department of Enterprise Technology Solutions. The WDE manages role-based security for any level of access to the data beyond public facing aggregations.

This system collects all student information/demographics, the permanent school record, the special education record (including services provided and environments), graduation and drop out data, disciplinary actions (including crime and violence incidences), courses of study, assessment results, attendance, and more. For the student and special education records, the data is collected annually on October 1, March 1, and on June 30 for year end reporting. The October and March data snapshots are ready for review approximately 60 days following the collection. Data are reviewed annually on or about December 1, May 1, and September 1. The review looks at the most recent data collected as well as going back to the prior year's data to look for trends. At that time, current dispute resolution data and one year's prior dispute resolution data are also reviewed. Finally, at those reviews, the list of calls/emails for technical assistance or concerns brought to the WDE is looked at for the current quarter. The culmination of all the data is the basis for any identification of credible concerns. The end-of-year collection is annually ready in September and is used for the extensive stakeholder meeting,

annual data drill down, presentation to the State Advisory Panel, and to populate the State report card to be made available to the public. These meetings are annually in October.

The state also has a data system used for monitoring activities. Data systems the state uses to collect and report on information within the SPED-Link utilize secure web-based data entry and file uploads. Each of these methods is premised on secure communication and encrypted data storage by district and state personnel and the system vendor. The web-based system is hosted within a secured Microsoft Azure infrastructure. The WDE manages role-based security for access to the data within the system, and districts personnel can grant specific access to their delegates.

Describe how the State issues findings: by number of instances or by LEAs.

The State issues findings of noncompliance by LEA for compliance Indicators: 4B, 9, and 10.

The State issues findings of noncompliance by number of student specific instances for compliance Indicators 11, 12, and 13.

The State issues findings of noncompliance from monitoring, dispute resolution, and fiscal monitoring through finding letters, which include mandatory corrective action plans and activities, sent to the LEA's superintendent and special education director/administrator.

If applicable, describe the adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction).

N/A. There is no mechanism for pre-correction prior to issuing a finding of noncompliance.

Describe the State's system of graduated and progressive sanctions to ensure the correction of identified noncompliance and to address areas in need of improvement, used as necessary and consistent with IDEA Part B's enforcement provisions, the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and State rules.

WDE enforces the requirements of the IDEA using graduated and progressive sanctions which may include, as appropriate:

- Complying with the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and all activities contained within; as designed by the WDE
- Identifying the LEA as a high-risk grantee and imposing special conditions on the use of Part B funds
- Withhold not less than 20% and not more than 50% of the LEA's Part B funds until WDE determines that they have sufficiently addressed the areas of need and correction has been verified
- Request that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction take appropriate administrative action with the state board, including but not limited to the changing of accreditation status against any LEA failing to comply with any applicable laws or requirements

The WDE has the following mechanisms in place to ensure fiscal compliance with OMB and requirements for the federal IDEA grant:

Consequences of Noncompliance and Enforcement Mechanisms

The WDE may take enforcement actions as part of a corrective action or for noncompliance with a previous corrective action. The Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR § 200.339, authorizes the WDE to use enforcement mechanisms that may include but are not limited to the following:

- temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency or more severe enforcement action
- disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance
- wholly or partially suspend or terminate the federal award
- initiate suspension or debarment proceedings
- withhold further federal awards for the grant
- take other remedies that may be legally available

WDE may deny a grant application for federal funding as an enforcement action.

Disallowance of Cost and Recovery Process

A cost that has been disallowed as a result of fiscal monitoring or a Single Audit may be subject to recovery. Under General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) regulations, 34 CFR § 81.30, the WDE may require an LEA to return funds that have been disallowed to the WDE if:

- the LEA made an unallowable expenditure of IDEA funds; or
- the LEA otherwise failed to discharge its obligation to account properly for its IDEA Part B federal grant.

This decision may be based on an audit report, an investigative report, a monitoring report, or any other evidence. Under GEPA regulations, 34 CFR § 81.32, an LEA that made an unallowable expenditure or otherwise failed to account properly for funds shall return an amount that is proportional to the extent of the harm its violation caused to an identifiable federal interest associated with the program. The regulations' definition of an identifiable federal interest includes, but is not limited to, the following criteria:

- serving only eligible beneficiaries
- providing only authorized services or benefits
- complying with expenditure requirements and conditions, such as set-aside, excess cost, maintenance of effort, comparability, supplement-not-supplant, and matching requirements
- preserving the integrity of planning, application, record-keeping, and reporting requirements
- maintaining accountability for the use of funds

The WDE process of recovery of funds must include the following:

- notice of disallowance through a monitoring report with a finding of noncompliance
- a WDE determination letter based on audit findings per 34 CFR § 81.34
- an application for review of a disallowance per 34 CFR § 81.37
- a final decision per 34 CFR § 81.44
- collection of disallowed cost per 34 CFR § 81.45

The WDE's attorney from the Attorney General's Office may be called in for counsel depending on issues detected during the review of noncompliance prior to enforcement action being imposed. The LEA can make adjustments within the financial management system for costs that have been determined to be unallowable as a result of the review or audit. The LEA must send a check to the WDE for the amount that was determined unallowable for a grant period that has closed.

Suspension or Termination of Federal Award

IDEA Part B federal awards may be terminated in whole or in part, by the WDE, as follows, per 2 CFR § 200.340:

- if an LEA fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a federal award
- if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities
- with consent of the LEA
- by the LEA upon sending written notification including reasons for termination
- pursuant to termination provisions included in the federal award

The WDE should clearly specify termination provisions applicable to IDEA Part B federal grants. When terminating a federal award prior to the end of the period of performance due to material failure to comply with the federal award terms and conditions, the WDE must report

the termination to the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov (currently FAPIIS.gov). The termination of a federal award should not be reported into the designated integrity and performance system until the LEA entity either:

- has exhausted its opportunities to object or challenge the decision, see 2 CFR § 200.342; or
- has not, within 30 calendar days after being notified of the termination, informed the WDE that it intends to appeal the decision to terminate.

After entering information into the designated integrity and performance system about a termination,

- if the WDE subsequently learns that any of that information is erroneous, the WDE must correct the information in the system within three business days; and
- if the WDE subsequently obtains an update to that information that could be helpful to other federal awarding agencies, the WDE should amend the information in the system to incorporate the update in a timely manner.

When posting or reposting any information that will be made publicly available, the WDE must act in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

When a federal award is terminated or partially terminated, both the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and the

nonfederal entity remain responsible for compliance with the closeout requirements in 2 CFR § 200.344 and § 200.345.

Describe how the State makes annual determinations of LEA performance, including the criteria the State uses and the schedule for notifying LEAs of their determinations. If the determinations are made public, include a web link for the most recent determinations.

The following information is an explanation of determinations process of WDE.

1. All compliance variables and select results indicators are used.

Compliance Indicators used in determinations:

- 4B. Discipline disproportionate by race/ethnicity
- 9. Disproportionate representation, IEP by race/ethnicity
- 10. Disproportionate representation by disability, by race/ethnicity
- 11. Timely Evaluation
- 13. Transition Planning
- "20A (WDE addition)" Timeliness of Data Submissions

Results Indicators used in determinations:

- 1. Graduation rate
- 2. Drop-Out rate
- 3A. State testing participation (average of reading and math)
- 3B. Regular state testing proficiency (average of reading and math)
 - Student Growth Percentiles on the regular state test (average of reading and math)
- 5A. LRE regular classroom
- 8. Parent Survey Response Rate
- 14C. Post-secondary outcome
- 14. Response rate

2. Districts earn between 0-3 points on each Compliance Indicator.

- If the district meets the target of 100%, it earns 3 points.
- If the district does not meet the target for Indicators 4B, 9, or 10, it earns 0 points.
- For Indicators 11, 13, or 20A, if the district scores between 95.00-99.99%, it receives 2 points; if the district scores between 70.00-94.99%, it receives 1 point; if the district scores less than 70.00%, it receives 0 points.

3. Districts earn between 0-3 points on each Results Indicator (except 14 response rate)

- If the district meets the target, it earns 2 points unless its score on a given indicator reaches the "high" cut point in which case it earns 3 points.
- If the district does not meet the target, it earns 1 point unless its score on a given indicator is below the "low" cut point in which it earns 0 points.
- The high and low cut points were determined based on stakeholder input by examining the spread of district scores on a given indicator. The high cut point represents an achievable yet challenging score. The low-cut point represents a score at which WDE believes no district should fall below.

4. Compliance points are summed to obtain a Compliance Determinations Score.

- The total summed points are divided by the total possible points (18) to get a percent score.
- A district has to meet the target on each of the compliance indicators to receive a "Meets Determinations" designation for compliance.

5. Results points are summed to obtain a Results Determinations Score.

- The total summed points is divided by the total possible points (23) to get a percent score.
- Note: For those districts that did not have a score for a given Indicator due to the fact that they had no students that met the selection for these indicators (e.g., not having any exiting high school students in a given year for Indicator 14C), the total possible points are adjusted accordingly

6. Results and Compliance Scores are combined into an Overall Determinations Score.

- To arrive at the Overall Score, the Results Score is multiplied by 75%, and the Compliance Score is multiplied by 25%, which will result in an overall score between 0-100%.

7. Additional Non-Compliance Circumstances Considered:

- If an LEA has any outstanding, uncorrected findings of noncompliance from monitoring, due process, audits, or complaints identified during the prior school year, then it cannot be in Meets Requirements.
- LEAs in Compliance Agreements from the previous school year(s) cannot have a determination of Meets Requirements or Needs Assistance.
- LEAs may receive a determination of Needs Substantial Intervention based upon indicator data, ongoing uncorrected findings of noncompliance from the prior school year (or before), or a substantial failure to comply with any condition of the LEA's eligibility under Subpart Part F of the IDEA.

On the third Friday in April, a letter of determination level and accompanying data report (with the score in each category) is sent to the Special Education Director/Administrator of each LEA in the state. The director has one week to review the report and seek clarification from the WDE. Then, one week later, a determination letter and accompanying data report is sent to the LEA's superintendent. The WDE does not publicly report LEA determinations.

Provide the web link to information about the State's general supervision policies, procedures, and process that is made available to the public.

Policy and Procedure Manual for Special Education:
<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/idea-special-education-resources/special-education-resources/>

Special Education Monitoring Manual:
<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/idea-special-education-resources/special-education-resources/>

Technical Assistance System:

The mechanisms that the State has in place to ensure the timely delivery of high quality, evidence-based technical assistance, and support to LEAs.

The WDE annually conducts three types of data events which analyze the compliance and outcome areas that need the most attention and guidance from the State. The first is a full-day annual stakeholder meeting in which parents, administrators, teachers, service providers, advocates, attorneys, residential facility staff, department of family services, department of health, and others meet with the WDE to review current state data, including trend data, on all indicators of the SPP/APR. In addition, data is disaggregated by disability category, race/ethnicity, grade level, district population size, and types/amounts of services provided. Updates are given on dispute resolution and fiscal monitoring. Although this stakeholder group sets targets for the SPP, their involvement is much more than that. They provide input into improvement strategies and make recommendations that are focus areas for the coming federal fiscal year.

The second is an internal data drilldown. The Special Education Programs Division and WDE Leadership holds a data retreat in which all Indicator, dispute resolution, and general supervision data is disaggregated and areas of improvement and slippage are identified. Using the findings of this meeting and input from the stakeholder meeting, the group looks for trends and sets high, medium, and low areas of need/focus.

The third type of events are monthly Data Dives. The WDE brings stakeholders together each month to examine a data topic more in-depth during which LEAs can review their own data on the topic, thus creating individual areas of focus. Examples of monthly data topics could be graduation rates, proficiency rates, or assessment participation rates. Each LEA has access to their data through various reports the WDE provides. Facilitators lead participants through the state's "Structured Activity Data Guidebook" on several different topic areas: Identification, Eligibility, Placement, Services, and Student Outcomes (aggregated and also disaggregated by subgroups such as race/ethnicity, grade, disability category, etc.). The WDE keeps track of each LEA's area of need/focus and looks for trends across the state.

Through these three critical activities, along with keeping a database of technical assistance calls and emails the state received over the past year, WDE identifies broad improvement strategies which can be leveraged to effect positive change. Specific improvement activities are planned, developed, revised or discontinued to address current needs. This framework not only allows the WDE to be responsive in supporting LEAs, but also provides the structure for the data-based analysis of the effectiveness of current activities.

In addition, for any LEA on a corrective action plan for noncompliance (due to Indicator data, monitoring, dispute resolution findings, or fiscal findings) there is a single point of contact consultant assigned to that LEA. They have monthly coaching calls, check ins, and Q&A time to address any and all concerns or areas of need. The consultant shares resources and can provide technical assistance through these regular meetings. This type of close relationship building also lends itself to LEA staff feeling open and honest to reach out to their coach at any given time to receive assistance in problem solving issues as they arise.

The WDE supports educational agencies in attaining procedural compliance and increasing outcomes for students with disabilities through more training opportunities as well as a variety of other strategies. When statewide areas of data-based concerns arise, guidance documents are developed and disseminated to provide an ongoing resource to which educational agencies can refer. Access to resources and web-based training is provided through the WDE's Wyoming Instructional Network website (WIN WEB). The WDE annually holds a three-day event for all new LEA directors of special education, a three-day "boot camp" training event for new special education teachers, and monthly training for special education paraprofessionals. Through examining evaluations from these events, the feedback indicates that this form of technical assistance is highly valued and effective.

Other sources of data that inform the State's technical assistance needs are based on dispute files, annual LEA determinations, and monitoring. In addition, information is gathered from the outreach consultants who support students with visual impairments and students who are deaf or hard of hearing, as those consultants are in schools and classrooms on a weekly basis. They provide student-level technical assistance to educational agencies in support of improved evaluations, IEP development/implementation, and instructional supports.

When needed, the WDE will travel to individual LEAs to conduct full-day data reviews with their entire staff to facilitate the understanding of the IDEA requirements, identify the issues of non-compliance, and develop processes to increase compliance.

Professional Development System:

The mechanisms the State has in place to ensure that service providers have the skills to effectively provide services that improve results for children with disabilities.

As with all areas of the WY General Supervision system, broad professional development improvement strategies are identified through a thorough analysis of special education data, to include both compliance and outcome data. Data informs the content, structure, and audience for professional development activities.

Professional Development (PD) has two approaches; Universal and Targeted. The Universal PD content is applicable to all those involved with special education, regardless of the student population the professional works with or their role in the special education system.

Universal PD offering is designed around the needs of administrators, teachers, service providers, para-educators, parents, and parent advocates; including those in other educational agencies. The WDE conducts a yearly statewide, in-person special education conference in July. This conference strikes a balance between Special Education Law using current case law and evidence-based strategies around a broad range of topics designed to increase the knowledge and skills of professionals to help improve outcomes for students with disabilities. Topics include academic interventions, mental health, social/emotional well-being, response to trauma, behavior/discipline, career and technical education, and ways to support parents and families. These topics are derived through data from the annual statewide data drill down, trends in dispute resolution, monitoring, and an examination of the technical assistance requests from the previous year.

Additionally, to fulfill statewide professional development needs, WDE continues to deliver virtual evidence-based training through a series of sessions to all educators and parents. The topics are also decided by the mechanisms previously mentioned. There are several of these sessions provided each month.

Targeted PD is specialized and intentionally designed to meet the needs of specific populations of educators and their students. Examples of this would

include new special education administrators, teachers of the deaf, teachers of the visually impaired, orientation/mobility specialists, behavior specialists, teachers of students with emotional disabilities, etc. Targeted PD might also be provided to a specific district or group of districts with similar, focused needs.

Additionally, targeted PD is delivered to administrators. Special Education Directors are invited to participate in a three-day academy during which they are provided with the critical components of IDEA, job expectations, policies and procedures, and the dispute resolution process. Directors also receive updates specific to the on-going work at the state level including professional development opportunities and support offered to directors and special education staff by WDE. One purpose of the academy is to build a relationship between the Directors and WDE staff. The academy establishes baseline expectations for new directors and assists them in understanding their role within the General Supervision responsibilities, with a primary focus on reducing the number of compliance and procedural errors, improving the timeliness and quality of services provided, data responsibilities, and increasing positive outcomes for students with disabilities.

In being responsive to the needs of professionals working with low-incidence populations, the WDE provides PD to Teachers of the Deaf on assistive technology, communication methods, family engagement, and language. The State hosts a monthly forum for individuals to address these topics and continue to have a close working relationship with our state's Hands and Voices parent group. Through TASK-12, we support a national 6-month interpreter mentoring program (IMET) to increase the skills of educational interpreters for effective communication.

Regardless of the type of PD, the focused topics are always identified annually, in part as a result of the data retreat. This is heavily weighted towards special education data, but also includes data or information provided from the assessment division, school improvement division, school fiscal support division, accreditation team, State Advisory Panel, Wyoming Association of Special Education Administrators, and the federal programs division.

Stakeholder Engagement:

The mechanisms for broad stakeholder engagement, including activities carried out to obtain input from, and build the capacity of, a diverse group of parents to support the implementation activities designed to improve outcomes, including target setting and any subsequent revisions to targets, analyzing data, developing improvement strategies, and evaluating progress.

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Apply stakeholder engagement from introduction to all Part B results indicators (y/n)

YES

Number of Parent Members:

12

Parent Members Engagement:

Describe how the parent members of the State Advisory Panel, parent center staff, parents from local and statewide advocacy and advisory committees, and individual parents were engaged in setting targets, analyzing data, developing improvement strategies, and evaluating progress.

The Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities chose two areas, family engagement and student mental health wellness, for the WDE to focus its efforts on. These areas were chosen after a review of state data and a discussion around root causes. The panel members chose which of the two subcommittees to serve on. The committees meet regularly and routinely make requests of the Special Education Division to provide specific training or develop specific guidance documents. The WDE and the State Advisory Panel have a very close working relationship and a collaborative partnership in improving outcomes for student with disabilities in Wyoming.

The panel, as a whole, is involved in setting SPP targets when needed and the WDE conducts an annual data drill down meeting and state of the state overview of special education data for this group in order for them to provide input on improvement strategies. For FFY23 this meeting occurred on October 4, 2023.

Activities to Improve Outcomes for Children with Disabilities:

The activities conducted to increase the capacity of diverse groups of parents to support the development of implementation activities designed to improve outcomes for children with disabilities.

Parents are sought after and invited to all data meetings and professional development trainings (both the annual conference and virtual offerings).

Per input and request from the advisory panel, the WDE developed videos and/or documents for parents which included:

What is special education?

What is an IDEA recognized disability? (13 different videos for each area of disability)

Procedural safeguards

Required members of the IEP team

How to prep for an IEP meeting

How to advocate for your child at school

In addition, the WDE has added learning modules to entice parents of students with disabilities and other interested individuals to gain a baseline knowledge of special education and the IDEA, which may inspire some to become a SPED paraprofessional (and hopefully beyond that to a SPED teaching degree). These modules included:

The IDEA: History
The IDEA: Principles
The Special Education Process
Child Find
Comprehensive Initial Evaluation
Eligibility Determination
Overview of the IEP
Individualized Education Program
IEP Team
Prior Written Notice
PLAAFP Statement
Writing IEP Goals
Statement of Services and Aids
Educational Placement & LRE Implementation

These modules also build knowledge of special education for anyone in or out of the educational profession.

Soliciting Public Input:

The mechanisms and timelines for soliciting public input for setting targets, analyzing data, developing improvement strategies, and evaluating progress.

In the extensive target setting year (new SPP package of FFY2020) to reach and engage the public in setting targets, the WDE deployed two Facebook blasts with an explanation of the purpose and importance of involvement, and links to get background information, and provide feedback on each of the SPP indicators. An individual could respond to all indicators or the one(s) they feel most compelled to address. The ability to engage in the process and provide input was located on The Wyoming Department of Education website. Each Facebook blast reached approximately 26,527 people across our State. In the interim, when targets are needing updated, the process is the same and the timeline is four months before the February 1 submission of the Annual Performance Report.

When the target setting site is open, there are several components to each indicator. First, the respondent is given an explanation of the indicator, historical data, and is asked to either choose a target from a set of proposed choices, or name one of their own. Next, the State solicits comments on perceived barriers that may impede districts and preschool regions from achieving the target. Additionally, the next step is to ask the respondents what improvement strategies the State could implement that would help facilitate LEAs to reach the target. Stakeholders take part in Jam Board activities to collect and memorialize their input on improvement efforts. The WDE takes the information back to the Professional Development and Technical Assistance team to add to their planning efforts for the coming year. Finally, there is the ability to make any further comments, as well as to weigh in on ways to identify outputs (data) to know if the improvement strategies are achieving the desired outcome. For many years the WDE has and will continue to meet annually with the Stakeholder group to review special education data, update on improvement strategies, and get further ideas into ways to address Stakeholder concerns. Further input is solicited and considered on a regular basis. For FFY23 this group convened on September 26-27, 2023. The WDE used all of its list serves, mass mail groups, and Facebook followers to reach as many people as possible. The public is given 6 weeks to provide input.

Making Results Available to the Public:

The mechanisms and timelines for making the results of the target setting, data analysis, development of the improvement strategies, and evaluation available to the public.

The WDE uses its public website and the Special Education Program Divisions website, the Wyoming Instructional Network (WIN WEB), to make available to the public all of its data, data analysis reports, calendar of activities (PD) related to improvement strategies, and special education resources. Through these two sites, the public has access to 5 years of SPP/APRs and 5 years of district and state report cards (Indicator data in a snapshot form), and the State's determination. If/when there are adjustments made to targets by stakeholders and the WDE, it will be posted on the website within 90 days. The current SPP/APRs are generally posted within 45 days of the State's determination.

Reporting to the Public

How and where the State reported to the public on the FFY 2022 performance of each LEA located in the State on the targets in the SPP/APR as soon as practicable, but no later than 120 days following the State's submission of its FFY 2022 APR, as required by 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A); and a description of where, on its Web site, a complete copy of the State's SPP/APR, including any revisions if the State has revised the targets that it submitted with its FFY 2022 APR in 2024, is available.

The Special Education Programs Division posts a current SPP online and notifies stakeholder groups of this posting. Copies of the SPP will also be made available to local education agencies, developmental preschool programs, and any individuals who request a hard copy. Also posted is 5 years' worth of performance on the SPP indicators for each LEA.

In accordance with 20 U.S.C.1416(b)(C)(ii), the WDE will report annually to the public on the performance of each local educational agency and intermediate education unit on targets in the SPP. The WDE creates annual reports for each LEA. The reports are issued to each educational agency and posted on the Wyoming Instructional Network (WINWEB) website:

<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/idea-special-education-resources/idea/spp-apr/>

Intro - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

Intro - OSEP Response

Indicator 1: Graduation

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) exiting special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

Same data as used for reporting to the Department under section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), using the definitions in ED*Facts* file specification FS009.

Measurement

States must report a percentage using the number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma in the numerator and the number of all youth with IEPs who exited high school (ages 14-21) in the denominator.

Instructions

Sampling is not allowed.

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Include in the denominator the following exiting categories: (a) graduated with a regular high school diploma; (b) graduated with a state-defined alternate diploma; (c) received a certificate; (d) reached maximum age; or (e) dropped out.

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Provide a narrative that describes the conditions youth must meet in order to graduate with a regular high school diploma. If the conditions that youth with IEPs must meet in order to graduate with a regular high school diploma are different, please explain.

1 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2019	57.88%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target >=	85.00%	64.00%	57.88%	57.88%	58.21%
Data	62.71%	64.71%	67.45%	56.03%	54.62%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target >=	58.98%	59.40%	62.50%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data
SY 2022-23 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS009; Data Group 85)	02/21/2024	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by graduating with a regular high school diploma (a)	472
SY 2022-23 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS009; Data Group 85)	02/21/2024	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by graduating with a state-defined alternate diploma (b)	
SY 2022-23 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS009; Data Group 85)	02/21/2024	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by receiving a certificate (c)	44
SY 2022-23 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS009; Data Group 85)	02/21/2024	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by reaching maximum age (d)	30
SY 2022-23 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS009; Data Group 85)	02/21/2024	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to dropping out (e)	336

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma	Number of all youth with IEPs who exited special education (ages 14-21)	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
472	882	54.62%	58.98%	53.51%	Did not meet target	Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage, if applicable

The graduation rate decreased by about 1.1 percentage points from FFY2022 to FFY2023. WDE examined the data by district to determine how pervasive the decrease was. 21 of the 42 districts who had exiting SWD in the 2022-23 school year experienced a decrease in their graduation rate; this included the three largest districts in the state. WDE also examined various demographic/program characteristics to see where the biggest decreases occurred. Groups that experienced a decrease in graduation rates included: male SWD, white SWD, students with SLD, students with Speech language impairment, and students in the resource room. If only 10 more SWD had graduated, there would have been no decrease in the graduation rate. Thus, it is difficult to pinpoint why a decrease of 1.1 percentage points occurred. However, one of the largest districts in particular experienced a large decrease in its graduation rate and could account for the decrease in graduation rate.

Graduation Conditions

Provide a narrative that describes the conditions youth must meet in order to graduate with a regular high school diploma.

The requirements for earning a high school diploma from any school district in the State of Wyoming are as follows:

- The successful completion of four years of English; three years of mathematics; three years of science; three years of social studies. [W.S. §21-2-304(a) (iii)]
- Satisfactorily passing an examination of the principles of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Wyoming. (W.S. §21-9-102)
- Evidence of proficient performance, at a minimum, on the uniform student conduct and performance standards for the common core of knowledge and skills. [W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii) and (iv)]

Upon the completion of these requirements, a student receives a regular diploma with one of the following endorsements stated on the student's transcript: Advanced Endorsement; Comprehensive Endorsement; or General Endorsement. Beginning with students graduating in 2006 and thereafter, each student must demonstrate proficient performance on five out of the nine content and performance standards for language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health, physical education, foreign language, career/vocational education and fine and performing arts.

Are the conditions that youth with IEPs must meet to graduate with a regular high school diploma different from the conditions noted above? (yes/no)

NO

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

In October 2024, districts were provided with disaggregated reports of their graduation data by gender, disability, placement, etc. so that the districts could identify for which subgroups they saw an increase/decrease in graduation rates over time and areas of potential improvements in their data. Districts are encouraged to do their own drill-down in the data by demographics and school to pinpoint where they experienced an increase/decrease.

1 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

1 - OSEP Response

1 - Required Actions

Indicator 2: Drop Out

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of youth with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

Same data as used for reporting to the Department under section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), using the definitions in ED Facts file specification FS009.

Measurement

States must report a percentage using the number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to dropping out in the numerator and the number of all youth with IEPs who exited special education (ages 14-21) in the denominator.

Instructions

Sampling is not allowed.

Data for this indicator are "lag" data. Describe the results of the State's examination of the section 618 exiting data for the year before the reporting year (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, use data from 2022-2023), and compare the results to the target.

Include in the denominator the following exiting categories: (a) graduated with a regular high school diploma; (b) graduated with a state-defined alternate diploma; (c) received a certificate; (d) reached maximum age; or (e) dropped out.

Do not include in the denominator the number of youths with IEPs who exited special education due to: (a) transferring to regular education; or (b) who moved but are known to be continuing in an educational program.

Provide a narrative that describes what counts as dropping out for all youth. Please explain if there is a difference between what counts as dropping out for all students and what counts as dropping out for students with IEPs.

2 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2019	34.76%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target <=	6.00%	6.10%	33.19%	33.19%	32.78%
Data	6.16%	5.99%	21.78%	32.58%	35.12%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target <=	32.38%	30.62%	29.00%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to dropping out	Number of all youth with IEPs who exited special education (ages 14-21)	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
336	882	35.12%	32.38%	38.10%	Did not meet target	Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage, if applicable

The drop-out rate increased by almost 3 percentage points from FFY2022 to FFY2023. WDE examined the data by district to determine how pervasive the increase was. 22 of the 42 districts who had exiting SWD in the 2022-23 school year experienced an increase in their drop-out rate. This included the three largest districts in the state. WDE also examined various demographic/program characteristics to see where the biggest increases occurred. Groups that experienced an increase in drop-out rates included: male SWD, white SWD, students with SLD, students with Speech language impairment, and students in the resource room. If 26 fewer SWD dropped out, there would have been no increase in the drop-out rate. One of the largest districts in particular experienced a large increase in its drop-out rate and could account for the increase in drop-out rate.

Provide a narrative that describes what counts as dropping out for all youth

Students counted as not graduating in four years may have:

- 1) Dropped out, been rumored to transfer (no written confirmation), or left for reasons unknown by the school
- 2) Left school to participate in a non-high school diploma granting educational or trade program (including GED)
- 3) Attended high school grades (9-12) for 4 full years without graduating (may still be seeking a diploma in 5 or 6 years)

Is there a difference in what counts as dropping out for youth with IEPs? (yes/no)

NO

If yes, explain the difference in what counts as dropping out for youth with IEPs.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

In October 2024, districts were provided with disaggregated reports of their drop-out data by gender, disability, placement, etc. so that the districts could identify for which subgroups they saw an increase/decrease in drop-out rates over time and areas of potential improvements in their data. Districts are encouraged to do their own drill-down in the data by demographics and school to pinpoint where they experienced an increase/decrease.

2 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

2 - OSEP Response

2 - Required Actions

Indicator 3A: Participation for Children with IEPs

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on statewide assessments:

- A. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- B. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level academic achievement standards.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against alternate academic achievement standards.
- D. Gap in proficiency rates for children with IEPs and all students against grade level academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

3A. Same data as used for reporting to the Department under Title I of the ESEA, using *EDFacts* file specifications FS185 and 188.

Measurement

A. Participation rate percent = [(# of children with IEPs participating in an assessment) divided by the (total # of children with IEPs enrolled during the testing window)]. Calculate separately for reading and math. Calculate separately for grades 4, 8, and high school. The participation rate is based on all children with IEPs, including both children with IEPs enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year.

Instructions

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the targets. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

Include information regarding where to find public reports of assessment participation and performance results, as required by 34 CFR §300.160(f), i.e., a link to the Web site where these data are reported.

Indicator 3A: Provide separate reading/language arts and mathematics participation rates for children with IEPs for each of the following grades: 4, 8, & high school. Account for ALL children with IEPs, in grades 4, 8, and high school, including children not participating in assessments and those not enrolled for a full academic year. Only include children with disabilities who had an IEP at the time of testing.

3A - Indicator Data

Historical Data:

Subject	Group	Group Name	Baseline Year	Baseline Data
Reading	A	Grade 4	2020	97.12%
Reading	B	Grade 8	2020	96.08%
Reading	C	Grade HS	2020	93.30%
Math	A	Grade 4	2020	97.03%
Math	B	Grade 8	2020	95.99%
Math	C	Grade HS	2020	93.65%

Targets

Subject	Group	Group Name	2023	2024	2025
Reading	A >=	Grade 4	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Reading	B >=	Grade 8	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Reading	C >=	Grade HS	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Math	A >=	Grade 4	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Math	B >=	Grade 8	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Math	C >=	Grade HS	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%

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FFY 2023 Data Disaggregation from EDFacts

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Reading (EDFacts file spec FS188; Data Group: 589)

Date:

01/08/2025

Reading Assessment Participation Data by Grade (1)

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs (2)	1,284	949	1,858
b. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations (3)	560	422	784
c. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations (3)	653	453	855
d. Children with IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards	64	60	152

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Math (EDFacts file spec FS185; Data Group: 588)

Date:

01/08/2025

Math Assessment Participation Data by Grade

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs (2)	1,285	949	1,858
b. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations (3)	597	543	1,025
c. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations (3)	617	328	623
d. Children with IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards	65	60	152

(1) The children with IEPs who are English learners and took the ELP in lieu of the regular reading/language arts assessment are not included in the prefilled data in this indicator.

(2) The children with IEPs count excludes children with disabilities who were reported as exempt due to significant medical emergency in row A for all the prefilled data in this indicator.

(3) The term "regular assessment" is an aggregation of the following types of assessments, as applicable for each grade/ grade group: regular assessment based on grade-level achievement standards, advanced assessment, Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA) pilot assessment, high school regular assessment I, high school regular assessment II, high school regular assessment III and locally-selected nationally recognized high school assessment in the prefilled data in this indicator.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Participating	Number of Children with IEPs	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	1,277	1,284	99.47%	95.00%	99.45%	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	935	949	98.10%	95.00%	98.52%	Met target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	1,791	1,858	96.18%	95.00%	96.39%	Met target	No Slippage

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Participating	Number of Children with IEPs	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	1,279	1,285	99.31%	95.00%	99.53%	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	931	949	97.80%	95.00%	98.10%	Met target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	1,800	1,858	96.35%	95.00%	96.88%	Met target	No Slippage

Regulatory Information

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Public Reporting Information

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NOTE: the participation rate is displayed in the assessment results reports.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

3A - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

3A - OSEP Response
3A - Required Actions

Indicator 3B: Proficiency for Children with IEPs (Grade Level Academic Achievement Standards)

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on statewide assessments:

- A. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- B. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level academic achievement standards.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against alternate academic achievement standards.
- D. Gap in proficiency rates for children with IEPs and all students against grade level academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

3B. Same data as used for reporting to the Department under Title I of the ESEA, using *EDFacts* file specifications FS175 and 178.

Measurement

B. Proficiency rate percent = [(# of children with IEPs scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards) divided by the (total # of children with IEPs who received a valid score and for whom a proficiency level was assigned for the regular assessment)]. Calculate separately for reading and math. Calculate separately for grades 4, 8, and high school. The proficiency rate includes both children with IEPs enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year.

Instructions

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Indicator 3B: Proficiency calculations in this SPP/APR must result in proficiency rates for children with IEPs on the regular assessment in reading/language arts and mathematics assessments (separately) in each of the following grades: 4, 8, and high school, including both children with IEPs enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year. Only include children with disabilities who had an IEP at the time of testing.

3B - Indicator Data

Historical Data:

Subject	Group	Group Name	Baseline Year	Baseline Data
Reading	A	Grade 4	2020	19.69%
Reading	B	Grade 8	2020	16.88%
Reading	C	Grade HS	2020	12.47%
Math	A	Grade 4	2020	21.63%
Math	B	Grade 8	2020	11.76%
Math	C	Grade HS	2020	7.24%

Targets

Subject	Group	Group Name	2023	2024	2025
Reading	A >=	Grade 4	20.14%	20.60%	21.50%
Reading	B >=	Grade 8	17.66%	18.44%	20.00%
Reading	C >=	Grade HS	13.22%	13.98%	15.50%
Math	A >=	Grade 4	22.10%	22.57%	23.50%
Math	B >=	Grade 8	12.19%	12.63%	13.50%
Math	C >=	Grade HS	7.68%	8.12%	9.00%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision

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FFY 2023 Data Disaggregation from ED*Facts*

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Reading (ED*Facts* file spec FS178; Data Group: 584)

Date:

01/08/2025

Reading Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade (1)

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency level was assigned for the regular assessment	1,213	875	1,639
b. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	181	101	123
c. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	88	47	69

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Math (ED*Facts* file spec FS175; Data Group: 583)

Date:

01/08/2025

Math Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade (1)

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency level was assigned for the regular assessment	1,214	871	1,648
b. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	220	69	104
c. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	81	27	32

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FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Scoring At or Above Proficient Against Grade Level Academic Achievement Standards	Number of Children with IEPs who Received a Valid Score and for whom a Proficiency Level was Assigned for the Regular Assessment	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	269	1,213	18.46%	20.14%	22.18%	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	148	875	18.38%	17.66%	16.91%	Did not meet target	Slippage
C	Grade HS	192	1,639	12.34%	13.22%	11.71%	Did not meet target	No Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage for Group B, if applicable

Note that if only 13 more students would have scored proficient on the grade 8 reading test, there would have been no slippage. The WDE has examined the proficiency rates by districts to identify those districts who had a decrease from FFY2022 to FFY2023. Twenty-two of the 43 districts who had proficiency rates in both years had a decrease. Most of these districts experienced a small degree of slippage whereby they would have needed only 1-2 more students to score proficient to have not had any slippage. Note that while the WDE would like to be able to pinpoint the reasons for slippage, the slippage is so small, particularly at the district level, that is it virtually impossible to do so.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Scoring At or Above Proficient Against Grade Level Academic Achievement Standards	Number of Children with IEPs who Received a Valid Score and for whom a Proficiency Level was Assigned for the Regular Assessment	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	301	1,214	21.18%	22.10%	24.79%	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	96	871	11.31%	12.19%	11.02%	Did not meet target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	136	1,648	6.12%	7.68%	8.25%	Met target	No Slippage

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Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

3B - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

3B - OSEP Response

3B - Required Actions

Indicator 3C: Proficiency for Children with IEPs (Alternate Academic Achievement Standards)

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on statewide assessments:

- A. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- B. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level academic achievement standards.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against alternate academic achievement standards.
- D. Gap in proficiency rates for children with IEPs and all students against grade level academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

3C. Same data as used for reporting to the Department under Title I of the ESEA, using ED*Facts* file specifications FS175 and 178.

Measurement

C. Proficiency rate percent = [(# of children with IEPs scoring at or above proficient against alternate academic achievement standards) divided by the (total # of children with IEPs who received a valid score and for whom a proficiency level was assigned for the alternate assessment)]. Calculate separately for reading and math. Calculate separately for grades 4, 8, and high school. The proficiency rate includes both children with IEPs enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year.

Instructions

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Indicator 3C: Proficiency calculations in this SPP/APR must result in proficiency rates for children with IEPs on the alternate assessment in reading/language arts and mathematics assessments (separately) in each of the following grades: 4, 8, and high school, including both children with IEPs enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year. Only include children with disabilities who had an IEP at the time of testing.

3C - Indicator Data

Historical Data:

Subject	Group	Group Name	Baseline Year	Baseline Data
Reading	A	Grade 4	2020	53.52%
Reading	B	Grade 8	2020	68.75%
Reading	C	Grade HS	2020	52.27%
Math	A	Grade 4	2020	43.66%
Math	B	Grade 8	2020	65.43%
Math	C	Grade HS	2020	41.98%

Targets

Subject	Group	Group Name	2023	2024	2025
Reading	A >=	Grade 4	54.02%	54.51%	55.50%
Reading	B >=	Grade 8	69.06%	69.38%	70.00%
Reading	C >=	Grade HS	52.70%	53.14%	54.00%
Math	A >=	Grade 4	44.12%	44.58%	45.50%
Math	B >=	Grade 8	65.95%	66.47%	67.50%
Math	C >=	Grade HS	42.49%	42.99%	44.00%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

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FFY 2023 Data Disaggregation from EDFacts

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Reading (EDFacts file spec FS178; Data Group: 584)

Date:

01/08/2025

Reading Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency level was assigned for the alternate assessment	64	60	152
b. Children with IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards scored at or above proficient	32	40	92

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Math (EDFacts file spec FS175; Data Group: 583)

Date:

01/08/2025

Math Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency level was assigned for the alternate assessment	65	60	152
b. Children with IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards scored at or above proficient	34	31	64

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Scoring At or Above Proficient Against Alternate Academic Achievement Standards	Number of Children with IEPs who Received a Valid Score and for whom a Proficiency Level was Assigned for the Alternate Assessment	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	32	64	54.12%	54.02%	50.00%	Did not meet target	Slippage
B	Grade 8	40	60	62.32%	69.06%	66.67%	Did not meet target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	92	152	60.48%	52.70%	60.53%	Met target	No Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage for Group A, if applicable

Note that if only 3 more students would have scored proficient on the grade 4 reading test, there would have been no slippage. The WDE has examined the proficiency rates by districts to identify those districts who had a decrease from FFY2022 to FFY2023. Seven of the 21 districts who had proficiency rates in both years had a decrease. Most of these districts experienced a small degree of slippage whereby they would have needed only 1-2 more students to score proficient to have not had any slippage. Note that while the WDE would like to be able to pinpoint the reasons for slippage, the slippage is so small, particularly at the district level, that is it virtually impossible to do so.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

Group	Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs Scoring At or Above Proficient Against Alternate Academic Achievement Standards	Number of Children with IEPs who Received a Valid Score and for whom a Proficiency Level was Assigned for the Alternate Assessment	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	34	65	41.67%	44.12%	52.31%	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	31	60	69.57%	65.95%	51.67%	Did not meet target	Slippage
C	Grade HS	64	152	54.82%	42.49%	42.11%	Did not meet target	Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage for Group B, if applicable

Note that if only 11 more students would have scored proficient on the grade 8 math test, there would have been no slippage. The WDE has examined the proficiency rates by districts to identify those districts who had a decrease from FFY2022 to FFY2023. Seven of the 16 districts who had proficiency rates in both years had a decrease. Most of these districts experienced a small degree of slippage whereby they would have needed only 1-2 more students to score proficient to have not had any slippage. Note that while the WDE would like to be able to pinpoint the reasons for slippage, the slippage is so small, particularly at the district level, that is it virtually impossible to do so.

Provide reasons for slippage for Group C, if applicable

Note that if only 19 more students would have scored proficient on the grade High School math test, there would have been no slippage. The WDE has examined the proficiency rates by districts to identify those districts who had a decrease from FFY2022 to FFY2023. Eighteen of the 30 districts who had proficiency rates in both years had a decrease. Most of these districts experienced a small degree of slippage whereby they would have needed only 1-2 more students to score proficient to have not had any slippage. Note that while the WDE would like to be able to pinpoint the reasons for slippage, the slippage is so small, particularly at the district level, that is it virtually impossible to do so.

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Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

3C - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

3C - OSEP Response

3C - Required Actions

Indicator 3D: Gap in Proficiency Rates (Grade Level Academic Achievement Standards)

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on statewide assessments:

- A. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- B. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level academic achievement standards.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against alternate academic achievement standards.
- D. Gap in proficiency rates for children with IEPs and all students against grade level academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

3D. Same data as used for reporting to the Department under Title I of the ESEA, using ED*Facts* file specifications FS175 and 178.

Measurement

D. Proficiency rate gap = [(proficiency rate for children with IEPs scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards for the 2023-2024 school year) subtracted from the (proficiency rate for all students scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards for the 2023-2024 school year)]. Calculate separately for reading and math. Calculate separately for grades 4, 8, and high school. The proficiency rate includes all children enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year.

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Indicator 3D: Gap calculations in this SPP/APR must result in the proficiency rate for children with IEPs were proficient against grade level academic achievement standards for the 2023-2024 school year compared to the proficiency rate for all students who were proficient against grade level academic achievement standards for the 2023-2024 school year. Calculate separately for reading/language arts and math in each of the following grades: 4, 8, and high school, including both children enrolled for a full academic year and those not enrolled for a full academic year. Only include children with disabilities who had an IEP at the time of testing.

3D - Indicator Data

Historical Data:

Subject	Group	Group Name	Baseline Year	Baseline Data
Reading	A	Grade 4	2020	28.92
Reading	B	Grade 8	2020	43.68
Reading	C	Grade HS	2020	39.61
Math	A	Grade 4	2020	28.21
Math	B	Grade 8	2020	38.96
Math	C	Grade HS	2020	35.94

Targets

Subject	Group	Group Name	2023	2024	2025
Reading	A <=	Grade 4	28.67	28.42	27.92
Reading	B <=	Grade 8	43.43	43.18	42.68
Reading	C <=	Grade HS	39.36	39.11	38.61
Math	A <=	Grade 4	27.96	27.71	27.21
Math	B <=	Grade 8	38.71	38.46	37.96
Math	C <=	Grade HS	35.69	35.44	34.94

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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FFY 2023 Data Disaggregation from EDFacts

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Reading (EDFacts file spec FS178; Data Group: 584)

Date:

01/08/2025

Reading Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade (1)

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. All Students who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned for the regular assessment	6,733	6,926	14,085
b. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned for the regular assessment	1,213	875	1,639
c. All students in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	3,245	3,864	6,903
d. All students in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	99	68	96
e. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	181	101	123
f. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	88	47	69

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Assessment Data Groups - Math (EDFacts file spec FS175; Data Group: 583)

Date:

01/08/2025

Math Assessment Proficiency Data by Grade (1)

Group	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade HS
a. All Students who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned for the regular assessment	6,768	6,931	14,175
b. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned for the regular assessment	1,214	871	1,648
c. All students in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	3,571	3,386	5,839
d. All students in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	122	47	57
e. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	220	69	104

f. Children with IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level	81	27	32
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(1)The term “regular assessment” is an aggregation of the following types of assessments as applicable for each grade/ grade group: regular assessment based on grade-level achievement standards, advanced assessment, Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (IADA) pilot assessment, high school regular assessment I, high school regular assessment II, high school regular assessment III and locally-selected nationally recognized high school assessment in the prefilled data in this indicator.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group	Group Name	Proficiency rate for children with IEPs scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards	Proficiency rate for all students scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	22.18%	49.67%	26.92	28.67	27.49	Met target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	16.91%	56.77%	41.35	43.43	39.86	Met target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	11.71%	49.69%	40.70	39.36	37.98	Met target	No Slippage

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

Group	Group Name	Proficiency rate for children with IEPs scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards	Proficiency rate for all students scoring at or above proficient against grade level academic achievement standards	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A	Grade 4	24.79%	54.57%	30.04	27.96	29.77	Did not meet target	No Slippage
B	Grade 8	11.02%	49.53%	38.09	38.71	38.51	Met target	No Slippage
C	Grade HS	8.25%	41.59%	36.06	35.69	33.34	Met target	No Slippage

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

3D - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

3D - OSEP Response

3D - Required Actions

Indicator 4A: Suspension/Expulsion

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results Indicator: Rates of suspension and expulsion:

- A. Percent of local educational agencies (LEA) that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and
- B. Percent of LEAs that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22))

Data Source

State discipline data, including State's analysis of State's Discipline data collected under IDEA Section 618, where applicable. Discrepancy can be computed by either comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to rates for nondisabled children within the LEA or by comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs among LEAs within the State.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of LEAs that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, in the rates of suspensions and expulsions for more than 10 days during the school year of children with IEPs) divided by the (# of LEAs in the State that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable))] times 100.

Include State's definition of "significant discrepancy."

Instructions

If the State has established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, the State must provide a definition of its minimum n and/or cell size itself and a description thereof (e.g., a State's n size of 15 represents the number of children with disabilities enrolled in an LEA, and a State's cell size of 5 represents the number of children with disabilities who have received out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of more than 10 days within the LEA).

The State must also provide rationales for its minimum n and/or cell size, including why the definitions chosen are reasonable and based on stakeholder input, and how the definitions ensure that the State is appropriately analyzing and identifying LEAs with significant discrepancy. The State must also indicate whether the minimum n and/or cell size represents a change from the prior SPP/APR reporting period. If so, the State must provide an explanation why the minimum n and/or cell size was changed.

The State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, LEAs that met that State established n and/or cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of LEAs totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement.

Describe the results of the State's examination of the data for the year before the reporting year (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, use data from 2022-2023), including data disaggregated by race and ethnicity to determine if significant discrepancies, as defined by the State, are occurring in the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions (more than 10 days during the school year) of children with IEPs, as required at 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(22). The State's examination must include one of the following comparisons:

- Option 1: The rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs among LEAs within the State; or
- Option 2: The rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to rates of suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEAs.

In the description, specify which method the State used to determine possible discrepancies and explain what constitutes those discrepancies.

If, under Option 1, the State uses a State-level long-term suspension and expulsion rate for children with disabilities to compare to LEA-level long-term suspension and expulsion rates for the purpose of determining whether an LEA has a significant discrepancy, the State must provide the State-level long-term suspension and expulsion rate used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose long-term suspension/expulsion rate exceeds 2 percentage points above the State-level rate of 0.7%, the State must provide OSEP with the State-level rate of 0.7%).

If, under Option 2, the State uses a rate difference to compare the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEA, the State must provide the State-selected rate difference used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose rate of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs is 4 percentage points above the long-term suspension/expulsion rate for nondisabled children, the State must provide OSEP with the rate difference of 4 percentage points). Similarly, if, under Option 2, the State uses a rate ratio to compare the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEA, the State must provide the State-selected rate ratio used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose ratio of its long-term suspensions and expulsions rate for children with IEPs to long-term suspensions and expulsions rate for nondisabled children is greater than 3.0, the State must provide OSEP with the rate ratio of 3.0).

Because the Measurement Table requires that the data examined for this indicator are lag year data, States should examine the section 618 data that was submitted by LEAs that were in operation during the school year before the reporting year. For example, if a State has 100 LEAs operating in the 2022-2023 school year, those 100 LEAs would have reported section 618 data in 2022-2023 on the number of children suspended/expelled. If the State then opens 15 new LEAs in 2023-2024, suspension/expulsion data from those 15 new LEAs would not be in the 2022-2023 section 618 data set, and therefore, those 15 new LEAs should not be included in the denominator of the calculation. States must use the number of LEAs from the year before the reporting year in its calculation for this indicator. For the FFY 2023 SPP/APR submission, States must use the number of LEAs reported in 2022-2023 (which can be found in the FFY 2022 SPP/APR introduction).

Indicator 4A: Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation (based upon LEAs that met the minimum n and/or cell size requirement, if applicable). If significant discrepancies occurred, describe how the State educational agency reviewed and, if appropriate, revised (or required the affected local educational agency to revise) its policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, to ensure that such policies, procedures, and practices comply with applicable requirements.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of noncompliance as noted in OSEP's response for the previous SPP/APR. If discrepancies occurred and the LEA with discrepancies had policies, procedures or practices that contributed to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and that do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, describe how the State ensured that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP Memorandum 23-01, dated July.

If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

4A - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2022	4.44%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target <=	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.44%
Data	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.44%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target <=	4.44%	4.35%	4.30%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

The WDE remains committed to increasing the engagement of diverse populations. There is a concerted effort to include as many representatives from the Wind River Indian Reservation as possible when developing technical assistance, professional development, monitoring plans, specific state initiatives and creating documents and resources for parents. The WDE also employs many strategies to involve the diverse group of parents who are limited in the English language, as well as those who have low vision, are blind, or are deaf/hard of hearing. Specific resources are developed to increase their capacity to participate in the activities of the stakeholder group, but also to be able to meaningfully participate in their child's educational programming.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Has the state established a minimum n/cell-size requirement? (yes/no)

YES

If yes, the State must provide a definition of its minimum n and/or cell size itself and a description thereof (e.g., a State's n size of 15 represents the number of children with disabilities enrolled in an LEA, and a State's cell size of 5 represents the number of children with disabilities who have received out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of more than 10 days within the LEA).

WDE has a minimum n size of 25 students with disabilities enrolled at the district.

If yes, the State must also provide rationales for its minimum n and/or cell size, including why the definitions chosen are reasonable and based on stakeholder input, and how the definitions ensure that the State is appropriately analyzing and identifying LEAs with significant discrepancy.

The minimum n is reasonable because for significant disproportionality, the "presumptively reasonable" minimum n-size is 30, and the minimum n-size of 25 is very close to 30. If the minimums are presumptively reasonable for one set of indicators, it makes sense they would be presumptively reasonable for another set of related indicators. The WDE wanted to ensure that as few as possible districts were excluded from the indicator 4 analysis, and so with stakeholder input, decided upon 25. Note that there is no minimum cell size, and as such, a district could be flagged for significant discrepancy based on only 1 or 2 students and therefore not excluded based on not meeting a minimum cell size.

If yes, the State must also indicate whether the minimum n and/or cell size represents a change from the prior SPP/APR reporting period.

This does not represent a change from the previous SPP/APR reporting period.

If yes, the State must provide an explanation why the minimum n and/or cell size was changed.

If yes, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, LEAs that met that State-established n/cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of LEAs totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement.

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Number of LEAs that have a significant discrepancy	Number of LEAs that met the State's minimum n/cell-size	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
2	45	4.44%	4.44%	4.44%	Met target	No Slippage

Choose one of the following comparison methodologies to determine whether significant discrepancies are occurring (34 CFR §300.170(a))

Compare the rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs among LEAs in the State

State's definition of "significant discrepancy" and methodology

The WDE uses the "state bar" method for defining significant discrepancy. We are comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs among LEAs in the State. The FFY2023 state rate (based on 2022-23 data) for suspending/expelling students with disabilities for more than ten days is 1.123%. The WDE is setting the state bar as 2.5 times higher than the state rate. Thus, any LEA that suspends or expels 2.81% or more of its students with disabilities for more than ten days is flagged for significant discrepancy. There must be at least 25 students with disabilities in the denominator (i.e., this is the minimum n size) of a suspension/expulsion rate for it to be flagged. There is no minimum cell size (number of students with disabilities suspended for greater than 10 days) requirement. The minimum n size of 25 refers to the number of students with disabilities in the particular district must be at least 25 for a rate to be considered.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Of the 49 LEAs in Wyoming, only two were identified as having significant discrepancy in FFY2023 for Indicator 4A. In the entire state of Wyoming, only 222 students with disabilities were suspended or expelled for greater than ten days in FFY2022 and 183 of these students were from two LEAs. Only 14 LEAs had a suspension rate greater than 0%; of these 14, 10 of them suspended only 1-5 SWD. Note that four LEAs were excluded from the Indicator 4A analyses due to not having at least 25 students with disabilities enrolled at the LEA; however, all four of these LEAs had a 0% suspension rate.

Note: In 2022-23, we had 49 LEAs: 48 K-12 districts and 1 Pre-K LEA. In 2022-23, there was no charter school LEA which is why the number of K-12 districts is 48 for this indicator.

Review of Policies, Procedures, and Practices (completed in FFY 2023 using 2022-2023 data)

Provide a description of the review of policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

WDE takes the following steps related to District policies, procedures, and practices. If identified as having a significant discrepancy, Districts are required to complete the following activities:

Conduct a comprehensive review of all district policies and procedures relevant to behavior removals. Documentation of this review is submitted to the WDE monitoring supervisor. The documentation shall include 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needs to be updated, and 3) dates by which each policy and procedure will be updated.

Next, the district must convene a cross-discipline team consisting of, at minimum, the special education director, a building level administrator from each of the three grade levels (secondary, junior high, and elementary), a general education teacher from each of the three grade levels, and a special education teacher from each of the three grade levels. This team must include administrators responsible for approving disciplinary removals. This meeting is scheduled in coordination with WDE to ensure WDE attendance at the meeting. This team meets to identify district trends in students being disciplined, reasons for disciplinary actions, the provision of positive behavioral supports, and trends at the school level. This team must develop an action plan to ensure necessary changes to practice in the district to improve these student outcomes. The district must submit the plan to the monitoring supervisor. The plan shall include what practices will be changed, who is responsible, and a due date for each change.

In addition, WDE reviews Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for a set of students who have been identified in indicator 4 to ensure a free appropriate public education is being provided to those students.

Based on this review, the state determined that 2 of the 2 LEAs with significant discrepancy demonstrate inappropriate PPPs related to the development and implementation of IEPs, use of positive behavioral supports and interventions, and procedural safeguards.

The State DID identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b).

If YES, select one of the following:

The State DID ensure that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, dated July 24, 2023.

Describe how the State ensured that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, dated July 24, 2023.

The State did ensure that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements. For the LEAs identified as having significant discrepancy, the WDE required a comprehensive review of all policies and procedures relevant to behavior removals. Documentation of this review was submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation included 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needed to be updated, and 3) date by which each policy and procedure was modified and updated. The LEAs were also required to convene a cross-discipline team consisting of, at minimum, the special education director, a building level administrator from each of the three grade levels (elementary, middle, and high), a general education teacher from each of the three grade levels, and a special education teacher from each of the three grade levels. This team included administrators responsible for approving disciplinary removals. In attendance at these meetings was a WDE education consultant. This teams identified trends in their districts of students being disciplined, reasons for disciplinary actions, the provision of positive behavioral supports, and trends at the school level. The teams developed action plans to ensure necessary changes to

practice in the district to improve these student outcomes. The district plans were submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The plan included what practices will be changed, who was responsible for the oversight of these changes, and dates of implementation. The WDE reviewed Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for the set of students who had been identified as having noncompliance for indicator 4A to ensure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) was being provided to those students. In this review, the WDE reviewed any functional behavioral assessments, behavioral intervention plans, PBIS/intervention records, and evidence of parent/family had the opportunity to provide input into the student's IEP and behavior plans (as per the IDEA Procedural Safeguards). This process demonstrates consistency with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
2	0	0	2

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected

Actions taken if noncompliance not corrected

For the two LEAs who had not demonstrated correction of the findings of noncompliance within one year of written notification, WDE implemented a more graduated, intensive intervention process with a contracted behavior support specialist. WDE, the behavior specialist, and special education directors of the two LEAs reviewed the district's data and determined the schools and/or programs having the highest impact on the LEA's rate of noncompliance and created plans to provide direct interventions to those schools and/or programs to improve understanding and practices. Required training was developed and delivered by the WDE and its contractor immediately at the beginning of the second year of noncompliance. A WDE education consultant was assigned as a coach and had monthly coaching meetings, quarterly on-site visits and discipline data reviews. Then, after a semester of these interventions, the WDE and LEA leadership team had a follow-up data and records review (including behavior incidence documents) for the students identified in the original noncompliance, as well as a sample of additional students who were newly suspended or expelled. Through looking at an additional sample of student files, it was determined that a discrepancy still existed at the end of one year. This improvement cycle remained ongoing.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

4A - Prior FFY Required Actions

The State must report, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, on the correction of noncompliance that the State identified in FFY 2022 as a result of the review it conducted pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 300.170(b). When reporting on the correction of this noncompliance, the State must report that it has verified that each district with noncompliance identified by the State: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

The WDE continues to implement the ongoing, intensive intervention process outlined above in 4A. There has been significant improvement in both of the LEA's 4A data in the past year, although neither are at 100% compliance. The State is optimistic that this improvement plan will result in bringing both LEAs into compliance in year two. Although the State has the option of redirecting or withholding funds, these options are not going to be taken at this time.

4A - OSEP Response

4A - Required Actions

The State reported that noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 as a result of the review it conducted pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 300.170(b) was partially corrected. When reporting on the correction of this noncompliance, the State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each district with remaining noncompliance identified in FFY 2022: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

The State must report, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, on the correction of noncompliance that the State identified in FFY 2023 as a result of the review it conducted pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 300.170(b). When reporting on the correction of this noncompliance, the State must report that it has verified that each district with noncompliance identified by the State: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100%

compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district and no outstanding corrective action exists under a State complaint or due process hearing decision for the child, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

Indicator 4B: Suspension/Expulsion

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Compliance Indicator: Rates of suspension and expulsion:

- A. Percent of local educational agencies (LEA) that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and
- B. Percent of LEAs that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22))

Data Source

State discipline data, including State's analysis of State's Discipline data collected under IDEA Section 618, where applicable. Discrepancy can be computed by either comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to rates for nondisabled children within the LEA or by comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs among LEAs within the State.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of LEAs that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, by race or ethnicity, in the rates of suspensions and expulsions of more than 10 days during the school year of children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards) divided by the (# of LEAs in the State that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups)] times 100.

Include State's definition of "significant discrepancy."

Instructions

If the State has established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, the State must provide a definition of its minimum n and/or cell size itself and a description thereof (e.g., a State's n size of 15 represents the number of children with disabilities enrolled in an LEA, by race and ethnicity, and a State's cell size of 5 represents the number of children with disabilities who have received out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of more than 10 days within the LEA, by race and ethnicity).

The State must also provide rationales for its minimum n and/or cell size, including why the definitions chosen are reasonable and based on stakeholder input, and how the definitions ensure that the State is appropriately analyzing and identifying LEAs with significant discrepancy, by race and ethnicity. The State must also indicate whether the minimum n and/or cell size represents a change from the prior SPP/APR reporting period. If so, the State must provide an explanation why the minimum n and/or cell size was changed.

The State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, LEAs that met that State established n and/or cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of LEAs totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement.

Describe the results of the State's examination of the data for the year before the reporting year (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, use data from 2022-2023), including data disaggregated by race and ethnicity to determine if significant discrepancies, as defined by the State, are occurring in the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions (more than 10 days during the school year) of children with IEPs, as required at 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(22). The State's examination must include one of the following comparisons:

- Option 1: The rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs among LEAs within the State; or
- Option 2: The rates of suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs to the rates of suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEAs

In the description, specify which method the State used to determine possible discrepancies and explain what constitutes those discrepancies.

If, under Option 1, the State uses a State-level long-term suspension and expulsion rate for children with disabilities to compare to LEA-level long-term suspension and expulsion rates for the purpose of determining whether an LEA has a significant discrepancy, by race and ethnicity, the State must provide the State-level long-term suspension and expulsion rate used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose long-term suspension/expulsion rate exceeds 2 percentage points above the State-level rate of 0.7%, the State must provide OSEP with the State-level rate of 0.7%).

If, under Option 2, the State uses a rate difference to compare the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs, by race and ethnicity, to the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEA, the State must provide the State-selected rate difference used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose rate of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs, by race and ethnicity, is 4 percentage points above the long-term suspension/expulsion rate for nondisabled children, the State must provide OSEP with the rate difference of 4 percentage points). Similarly, if, under Option 2, the State uses a rate ratio to compare the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for children with IEPs, by race and ethnicity, to the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions for nondisabled children within the LEA, the State must provide the State-selected rate ratio used in its methodology (e.g., if a State has defined significant discrepancy to exist for an LEA whose ratio of its long-term suspensions and expulsions rate for children with IEPs, by race and ethnicity, to long-term suspensions and expulsions rate for nondisabled children is greater than 3.0, the State must provide OSEP with the rate ratio of 3.0).

Because the Measurement Table requires that the data examined for this indicator are lag year data, States should examine the section 618 data that was submitted by LEAs that were in operation during the school year before the reporting year. For example, if a State has 100 LEAs operating in the 2022-2023 school year, those 100 LEAs would have reported section 618 data in 2022-2023 on the number of children suspended/expelled. If the State then opens 15 new LEAs in 2023-2024, suspension/expulsion data from those 15 new LEAs would not be in the 2022-2023 section 618 data set, and therefore, those 15 new LEAs should not be included in the denominator of the calculation. States must use the number of LEAs from the year before the reporting year in its calculation for this indicator. For the FFY 2022 SPP/APR submission, States must use the number of LEAs reported in 2022-2023 (which can be found in the FFY 2022 SPP/APR introduction).

Indicator 4B: Provide the following: (a) the number of LEAs that met the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, by race or ethnicity, in the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions (more than 10 days during the school year) for children with IEPs; and (b) the number of those LEAs in which policies, procedures or practices contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of noncompliance as noted in OSEP's response for the previous SPP/APR. If discrepancies occurred and the LEA with discrepancies had policies, procedures or practices that contributed to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and that do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, describe how the State ensured that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP Memorandum 23-01, dated July.

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If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

Targets must be 0% for 4B.

4B - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2022	4.44%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.44%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Has the state established a minimum n/cell-size requirement? (yes/no)

YES

If yes, the State must provide a definition of its minimum n and/or cell size itself and a description thereof (e.g., a State's n size of 15 represents the number of children with disabilities enrolled in an LEA, and a State's cell size of 5 represents the number of children with disabilities, by race and ethnicity, who have received out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of more than 10 days within the LEA).

WDE has a minimum n size of 25 students with disabilities by race/ethnicity enrolled at the district.

If yes, the State must also provide rationales for its minimum n and/or cell size, including why the definitions chosen are reasonable and based on stakeholder input, and how the definitions ensure that the State is appropriately analyzing and identifying LEAs with significant discrepancy.

The minimum n is reasonable because for significant disproportionality, the "presumptively reasonable" minimum n-size is 30, and the minimum n-size of 25 is very close to 30. If the minimums are presumptively reasonable for one set of indicators, it makes sense they want be presumptively reasonable for another set of related indicators. The WDE wanted to ensure that as few as possible districts were excluded from the indicator 4 analysis, and so with stakeholder input, decided upon 25. Note that there is no minimum cell size, and as such, a district could be flagged for significant discrepancy based on only 1 or 2 students and they're not excluded based on not meeting a minimum cell size.

If yes, the State must also indicate whether the minimum n and/or cell size represents a change from the prior SPP/APR reporting period.

This does not represent a change from the previous SPP/APR reporting period.

If yes, the State must provide an explanation why the minimum n and/or cell size was changed.

This does not represent a change from the previous SPP/APR reporting period.

If yes, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, LEAs that met the State-established n/cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of LEAs totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement.

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Number of LEAs that have a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity	Number of those LEAs that have policies, procedure or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements	Number of LEAs that met the State's minimum n/cell-size	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
7	2	45	4.44%	0%	4.44%	Did not meet target	No Slippage

Choose one of the following comparison methodologies to determine whether significant discrepancies are occurring (34 CFR §300.170(a))

Compare the rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs among LEAs in the State

Were all races and ethnicities included in the review?

YES

State's definition of "significant discrepancy" and methodology

The following pertains to each racial/ethnic group. The WDE uses the "state bar" method for defining significant discrepancy. We are comparing the rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs among LEAs in the State. The FFY2023 state rate (based on 2022-23 data) for suspending/expelling students with disabilities for more than ten days is 1.123%. The WDE is setting the state bar as 2.5 times higher than the state rate. Thus, any LEA that suspends or expels 2.81% or more of its students with disabilities for more than ten days is flagged for significant discrepancy. There must be at least 25 students in the denominator (i.e., this is the minimum n size) of a suspension/expulsion rate for it to be flagged. There is no minimum cell size (number of students suspended/expelled for greater than 10 days) requirement. The minimum n size of 25 refers to the number of students with disabilities in the particular district must be at least 25 for a rate to be considered.

The WDE examines significant discrepancy by race and ethnicity. Every LEA has a suspension/expulsion rate calculated for each of the seven race/ethnicity categories. Some LEAs don't have any students with disabilities of a given race/ethnicity, but WDE calculates it for every racial/ethnic category that is present at a given LEA. The state bar that WDE uses for each racial/ethnic group is the same state bar that was used for 4A (i.e., 2.81%); in other words, WDE applies the same state bar to each and every racial/ethnic group. An LEA has significant discrepancy when its suspension/expulsion rate for children with disabilities from any racial/ethnic group is 2.81% or higher.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Of the 49 LEAs in Wyoming, seven were identified as having significant discrepancy in FFY2023 for Indicator 4B. In the entire state of Wyoming, only 222 students with disabilities were suspended or expelled for greater than ten days in FFY2022 and 183 of these students were from two LEAs. For each of Wyoming's 49 LEAs, the WDE calculates a suspension and expulsion rate for each of the seven race and ethnicity reporting categories. (Note: many LEAs do not have members of every race and ethnicity reporting category enrolled in the LEA.) There were 32 rates that had at least one SWD suspended. These 32 rates were from 14 LEAs. Three of the 32 rates were excluded because they were not based on at least 25 SWD of a given race/ethnicity in the denominator (for these three LEAs, only one student at the LEA was suspended). Of the other 29 rates, 24 were based on six or fewer SWD being suspended. Of the 49 LEAs, 45 had at least one rate calculated for Indicator 4B that was based on at least 25 students with disabilities.

Note: In 2022-23, we had 49 LEAs: 48 K-12 districts and 1 Pre-K LEA. IN 2022-23, there was no charter school LEA which is why the number of K-12 districts is 48 for this indicator.

Review of Policies, Procedures, and Practices (completed in FFY 2023 using 2022-2023 data)

Provide a description of the review of policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

WDE takes the following steps related to District policies, procedures, and practices. If identified as having a significant discrepancy, Districts are required to complete the following activities:

Conduct a comprehensive review of all district policies and procedures relevant to behavior removals. Documentation of this review is submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation shall include 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needs to be updated, and 3) dates by which each policy and procedure will be updated. This review must be side-by-side to determine alignment with Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities.

Next, the district must convene a cross-discipline team consisting of, at minimum, the special education director, a building level administrator from each of the three grade levels (elementary, middle, and high), a general education teacher from each of the three grade levels, and a special education teacher from each of the three grade levels. This team must include administrators responsible for approving disciplinary removals. This meeting is scheduled in coordination with WDE to ensure WDE attendance at the meeting. This team meets to identify district trends in students being disciplined, reasons for disciplinary actions, the provision of positive behavioral supports, and trends at the school level. This team must develop an action plan to ensure necessary changes to practice in the district to improve these student outcomes. The district must submit the plan to the monitoring supervisor. The plan shall include what practices will be changed, who is responsible, and a due date for each change.

In addition, WDE reviews Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for the set of students who have been identified as having non-compliance for indicator 4 to ensure a free appropriate public education is being provided to those students. In this review, the WDE reviews any functional behavioral assessments, behavioral intervention plans, PBIS/intervention records, and evidence of parent/family input into the student's IEP and behavior plans (as per the IDEA Procedural Safeguards). Based on this review, the state determined that 2 of the 7 LEAs with significant discrepancy demonstrate inappropriate PPPs related to the development and implementation of IEPs, use of positive behavioral supports and interventions, and procedural safeguards.

The State DID identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b).

If YES, select one of the following:

The State DID ensure that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, dated July 24, 2023.

Describe how the State ensured that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, dated July 24, 2023.

The State did ensure that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements. For the LEAs identified as having significant discrepancy, the WDE required a comprehensive review of all policies and procedures relevant to behavior removals. Documentation of this review was submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation included 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needed to be updated, and 3) date by which each policy and procedure was modified and updated. The LEAs were also required to convene a cross-discipline team consisting of, at minimum, the special education director, a building level administrator from each of the three grade levels (elementary, middle, and high), a general education teacher from each of the three grade levels, and a special education teacher from each of the three grade levels. This team included administrators responsible for approving disciplinary removals. In attendance at these meetings was a WDE education consultant. This teams identified trends in their districts of students being disciplined, reasons for disciplinary actions, the provision of positive behavioral supports, and trends at the school level. The teams developed action plans to ensure necessary changes to practice in the district to improve these student outcomes. The district plans were submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The plan included what practices will be changed, who was responsible for the oversight of these changes, and dates of implementation.

The WDE reviewed Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for the set of students who had been identified as having noncompliance for indicator 4B to ensure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) was being provided to those students. In this review, the WDE reviewed any functional behavioral assessments, behavioral intervention plans, PBIS/intervention records, and evidence of parent/family had the opportunity to provide input into the student's IEP and behavior plans (as per the IDEA Procedural Safeguards).

This process demonstrates consistency with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
2	0	0	2

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected

Actions taken if noncompliance not corrected

For the two LEAs who had not demonstrated correction of the findings of noncompliance within one year of written notification, WDE implemented a more graduated, intensive intervention process with a contracted behavior support specialist. WDE, the behavior specialist, and special education directors of the two LEAs reviewed the district's data and determined the schools and/or programs having the highest impact on the LEA's rate of noncompliance and created plans to provide direct interventions to those schools and/or programs to improved understanding and practices. Required training was developed and delivered by the WDE and its contractor immediately at the beginning of the second year of noncompliance. A WDE education consultant was assigned as a coach and had monthly coaching meetings, quarterly on-site visits and discipline data reviews. Then, after a semester of these interventions, the WDE and LEA leadership team had a follow-up data and records review (including behavior incidence documents) for the students identified in the original noncompliance, as well as a sample of additional students who were newly suspended or expelled. Through looking at an additional sample of student files, it was determined that a discrepancy still existed at the end of one year. This improvement cycle remained ongoing.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

4B - Prior FFY Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator) for FFY 2022, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator. The State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, that the districts identified with noncompliance in FFY 2022 have corrected the noncompliance, including that the State verified that each district with noncompliance: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement(s) (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data, such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022, although its FFY 2022 data reflect less than 100% compliance (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator), provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

The WDE continues to implement the ongoing, intensive intervention process outlined above in 4B. There has been significant improvement in both of the LEA's 4B data in the past year, although neither are at 100% compliance. The State is optimistic that this improvement plan will result in bringing both LEAs into compliance in year two. Although the State has the option of redirecting or withholding funds, these options are not going to be taken at this time.

4B - OSEP Response

4B- Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator) for FFY 2023, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator. The State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that the districts identified with noncompliance in FFY 2023 have corrected the noncompliance, including that the State verified that each district with noncompliance: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement(s) (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data, such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2023, although its FFY 2023 data reflect less than 100% compliance (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator), provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2023. If the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding, the explanation must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case or child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

The State reported that noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 as a result of the review it conducted pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 300.170(b) was partially corrected. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each district with remaining noncompliance identified in FFY 2022: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement(s) (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

Indicator 5: Education Environments (children 5 (Kindergarten) - 21)

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of children with IEPs aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served:

- A. Inside the regular class 80% or more of the day;
- B. Inside the regular class less than 40% of the day; and
- C. In separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Data Source

Same data as used for reporting to the Department under section 618 of the IDEA, using the definitions in ED Facts file specification FS002.

Measurement

- A. Percent = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of children with IEPs aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served inside the regular class 80\% or more of the day)}}{\text{(total \# of students aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 with IEPs)}} \right] \times 100$.
- B. Percent = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of children with IEPs aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served inside the regular class less than 40\% of the day)}}{\text{(total \# of students aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 with IEPs)}} \right] \times 100$.
- C. Percent = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of children with IEPs aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served in separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements)}}{\text{(total \# of students aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 with IEPs)}} \right] \times 100$.

Instructions

Sampling from the State's 618 data is not allowed.

States must report five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in kindergarten in this indicator. Five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in preschool programs are included in Indicator 6.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target.

If the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data reported under section 618 of the IDEA, explain.

5 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Part	Baseline	FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A	2019	Target >=	63.09%	65.09%	73.93%	73.93%	74.00%
A	73.93%	Data	70.71%	73.93%	75.48%	76.72%	77.49%
B	2019	Target <=	6.75%	6.50%	5.42%	5.42%	5.37%
B	5.42%	Data	5.77%	5.42%	4.90%	4.62%	4.51%
C	2019	Target <=	1.33%	2.00%	1.68%	1.68%	1.61%
C	1.68%	Data	1.77%	1.68%	1.51%	1.34%	1.20%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target A >=	74.06%	75.74%	76.00%
Target B <=	5.32%	4.70%	4.50%
Target C <=	1.55%	1.24%	0.97%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

The WDE remains committed to increasing the engagement of diverse populations. There is a concerted effort to include as many representatives from the Wind River Indian Reservation as possible when developing technical assistance, professional development, monitoring plans, specific state initiatives and creating documents and resources for parents. The WDE also employs many strategies to involve the diverse group of parents who are limited in the English language, as well as those who have low vision, are blind, or are deaf/hard of hearing. Specific resources are developed to increase their capacity to participate in the activities of the stakeholder group, but also to be able to meaningfully participate in their child's educational programming.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	Total number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21	14,357
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	A. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 inside the regular class 80% or more of the day	11,279
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	B. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 inside the regular class less than 40% of the day	615
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	c1. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 in separate schools	115
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	c2. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 in residential facilities	97
SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS002; Data group 74)	07/31/2024	c3. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 in homebound/hospital placements	16

Select yes if the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data reported under section 618 of the IDEA.

NO

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Education Environments	Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 served	Total number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 inside the regular class 80% or more of the day	11,279	14,357	77.49%	74.06%	78.56%	Met target	No Slippage
B. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 inside the regular class less than 40% of the day	615	14,357	4.51%	5.32%	4.28%	Met target	No Slippage
C. Number of children with IEPs aged 5 (kindergarten) through 21 inside separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements [c1+c2+c3]	228	14,357	1.20%	1.55%	1.59%	Did not meet target	Slippage
Part	Reasons for slippage, if applicable						
C	The FFY 2023 data shows an increase of 0.39 percentage points for students in 5C. WDE examined the data by district to determine how pervasive the increase was. 20 of the 48 districts who had Indicator 5 data for both years showed an increase in their 5C rate; this included the three largest districts in the state. If 55 fewer SWD were placed in the 5C						

Part	Reasons for slippage, if applicable
	environment, there would have been no increase in the 5C rate. The three largest districts account for 2/3 of the increase in the 5C rate. The rest of the rate can be accounted for by the other 17 districts who saw an increase in their 5C rate. Thus, it is hard to pinpoint exactly why this increase occurred.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

5 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

5 - OSEP Response

5 - Required Actions

Indicator 6: Preschool Environments

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of children with IEPs aged 3, 4, and aged 5 who are enrolled in a preschool program attending a:

- A. Regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program; and
- B. Separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility.
- C. Receiving special education and related services in the home.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Data Source

Same data as used for reporting to the Department under section 618 of the IDEA, using the definitions in ED Facts file specification FS089.

Measurement

- A. Percent = [(# of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs attending a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program) divided by the (total # of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs)] times 100.
- B. Percent = [(# of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs attending a separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility) divided by the (total # of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs)] times 100.
- C. Percent = [(# of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs receiving special education and related services in the home) divided by the (total # of children ages 3, 4, and 5 with IEPs)] times 100.

Instructions

Sampling from the State's 618 data is not allowed.

States must report five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in preschool programs in this indicator. Five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in kindergarten are included in Indicator 5.

States may choose to set one target that is inclusive of children ages 3, 4, and 5, or set individual targets for each age.

For Indicator 6C: States are not required to establish a baseline or targets if the number of children receiving special education and related services in the home is less than 10, regardless of whether the State chooses to set one target that is inclusive of children ages 3, 4, and 5, or set individual targets for each age. In a reporting period during which the number of children receiving special education and related services in the home reaches 10 or greater, States are required to develop baseline and targets and report on them in the corresponding SPP/APR.

For Indicator 6C: States may express their targets in a range (e.g., 75-85%).

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target.

If the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data reported under IDEA section 618, explain.

6 - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data (Inclusive) – 6A, 6B, 6C

Part	FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A	Target >=	62.73%	67.50%	71.25%	71.25%	71.47%
A	Data	76.04%	72.57%	71.25%	76.52%	80.92%
B	Target <=	27.76%	22.50%	17.99%	17.99%	17.74%
B	Data	18.25%	20.55%	17.99%	14.22%	14.08%
C	Target <=			1.16%	1.16%	1.15%
C	Data			1.16%	0.31%	0.31%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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Targets

Please select if the State wants to set baselines and targets based on individual age ranges (i.e., separate baseline and targets for each age), or inclusive of all children ages 3, 4, and 5.

Inclusive Targets

Please select if the State wants to use target ranges for 6C.

Target Range not used

Baselines for Inclusive Targets option (A, B, C)

Part	Baseline Year	Baseline Data
A	2020	71.25%
B	2020	17.99%
C	2020	1.16%

Inclusive Targets – 6A, 6B

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target A >=	71.69%	72.13%	73.25%
Target B <=	17.49%	17.00%	16.00%

Inclusive Targets – 6C

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target C <=	1.15%	1.13%	1.10%

Prepopulated Data

Data Source:

SY 2023-24 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec FS089; Data group 613)

Date:

07/31/2024

Description	3	4	5	3 through 5 - Total
Total number of children with IEPs	724	1,124	414	2,262
a1. Number of children attending a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program	634	977	352	1,963
b1. Number of children attending separate special education class	59	96	43	198
b2. Number of children attending separate school	0	0	1	1
b3. Number of children attending residential facility	0	0	0	0
c1. Number of children receiving special education and related services in the home	3	1	0	4

Select yes if the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data reported under section 618 of the IDEA.

NO

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data - Aged 3 through 5

Preschool Environments	Number of children with IEPs aged 3 through 5 served	Total number of children with IEPs aged 3 through 5	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A. A regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program	1,963	2,262	80.92%	71.69%	86.78%	Met target	No Slippage
B. Separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility	199	2,262	14.08%	17.49%	8.80%	Met target	No Slippage
C. Home	4	2,262	0.31%	1.15%	0.18%	Met target	No Slippage

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

6 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

6 - OSEP Response

6 - Required Actions

Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who demonstrate improved:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Data Source

State selected data source.

Measurement

Outcomes:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

Progress categories for A, B and C:

- a. Percent of preschool children who did not improve functioning = [(# of preschool children who did not improve functioning) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- b. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- c. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- d. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- e. Percent of preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers = [(# of preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.

Summary Statements for Each of the Three Outcomes:

Summary Statement 1: Of those preschool children who entered the preschool program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

Measurement for Summary Statement 1: Percent = [(# of preschool children reported in progress category (c) plus # of preschool children reported in category (d)) divided by ((# of preschool children reported in progress category (a) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (b) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (c) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (d))] times 100.

Summary Statement 2: The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in each Outcome by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

Measurement for Summary Statement 2: Percent = [(# of preschool children reported in progress category (d) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (e)) divided by ((the total # of preschool children reported in progress categories (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e))] times 100.

Instructions

Sampling of **children for assessment** is allowed. When sampling is used, submit a description of the sampling methodology outlining how the design will yield valid and reliable estimates. (See [General Instructions](#) on page 3 for additional instructions on sampling.)

In the measurement include, in the numerator and denominator, only children who received special education and related services for at least six months during the age span of three through five years.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the targets. States will use the progress categories for each of the three Outcomes to calculate and report the two Summary Statements. States have provided targets for the two Summary Statements for the three Outcomes (six numbers for targets for each FFY).

Report progress data and calculate Summary Statements to compare against the six targets. Provide the actual numbers and percentages for the five reporting categories for each of the three Outcomes.

In presenting results, provide the criteria for defining "comparable to same-aged peers." If a State is using the Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO) Child Outcomes Summary (COS), then the criteria for defining "comparable to same-aged peers" has been defined as a child who has been assigned a score of 6 or 7 on the COS.

In addition, list the instruments and procedures used to gather data for this indicator, including if the State is using the ECO COS.

7 - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data

Part	Baseline	FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A1	2020	Target >=	89.50%	79.00%	78.33%	78.33%	78.54%
A1	78.33%	Data	78.78%	63.91%	78.33%	86.35%	79.88%

A2	2020	Target >=	59.13%	75.00%	82.73%	82.73%	82.89%
A2	82.73%	Data	81.67%	73.64%	82.73%	86.76%	82.74%
B1	2020	Target >=	91.27%	61.15%	79.88%	79.88%	80.15%
B1	79.88%	Data	59.25%	47.19%	79.88%	84.41%	85.58%
B2	2020	Target >=	55.72%	57.50%	58.22%	58.22%	58.44%
B2	58.22%	Data	57.26%	55.65%	58.22%	65.14%	65.48%
C1	2020	Target >=	91.18%	64.00%	83.44%	83.44%	83.70%
C1	83.44%	Data	61.25%	42.19%	83.44%	78.43%	69.54%
C2	2020	Target >=	70.55%	70.25%	71.15%	71.15%	71.38%
C2	71.15%	Data	69.99%	65.69%	71.15%	80.81%	72.38%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target A1 >=	78.75%	79.17%	80.00%
Target A2 >=	83.05%	83.37%	84.00%
Target B1 >=	80.41%	80.94%	82.00%
Target B2 >=	58.67%	59.11%	60.00%
Target C1 >=	83.96%	84.47%	85.50%
Target C2 >=	71.61%	72.08%	73.00%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

The WDE remains committed to increasing the engagement of diverse populations. There is a concerted effort to include as many representatives from the Wind River Indian Reservation as possible when developing technical assistance, professional development, monitoring plans, specific state initiatives and creating documents and resources for parents. The WDE also employs many strategies to involve the diverse group of parents who are limited in the English language, as well as those who have low vision, are blind, or are deaf/hard of hearing. Specific resources are developed to increase their capacity to participate in the activities of the stakeholder group, but also to be able to meaningfully participate in their child's educational programming.

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs assessed

909

Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)

Outcome A Progress Category	Number of children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	0	0.00%
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	63	6.93%

Outcome A Progress Category	Number of children	Percentage of Children
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	91	10.01%
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	153	16.83%
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	602	66.23%

Outcome A	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation: (c+d)/(a+b+c+d)</i>	244	307	79.88%	78.75%	79.48%	Met target	No Slippage
A2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome A by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation: (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)</i>	755	909	82.74%	83.05%	83.06%	Met target	No Slippage

Outcome B: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication)

Outcome B Progress Category	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	0	0.00%
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	92	10.12%
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	231	25.41%
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	187	20.57%
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	399	43.89%

Outcome B	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
B1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome B, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation: (c+d)/(a+b+c+d)</i>	418	510	85.58%	80.41%	81.96%	Met target	No Slippage
B2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome B by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation: (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)</i>	586	909	65.48%	58.67%	64.47%	Met target	No Slippage

Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

Outcome C Progress Category	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	0	0.00%
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	90	9.90%
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	150	16.50%
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	93	10.23%
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	576	63.37%

Outcome C	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
C1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome C, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation:</i> <i>(c+d)/(a+b+c+d)</i>	243	333	69.54%	83.96%	72.97%	Did not meet target	No Slippage
C2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome C by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. <i>Calculation:</i> <i>(d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)</i>	669	909	72.38%	71.61%	73.60%	Met target	No Slippage

Does the State include in the numerator and denominator only children who received special education and related services for at least six months during the age span of three through five years? (yes/no)

YES

Sampling Question	Yes / No
Was sampling used?	NO

Did you use the Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO) Child Outcomes Summary (COS) process? (yes/no)

NO

If no, provide the criteria for defining “comparable to same-aged peers.”

"Comparable to same-aged peers" is defined as a z-score on the Battelle Developmental Inventory (BDI-II or BDI-III) of -1.30 or higher.

List the instruments and procedures used to gather data for this indicator.

In FFY 2016-17 the state began implementing a new process for reporting performance for this indicator by using the Battelle Developmental Inventory-Second Edition (BDI-II). Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), Early Intervention and Education Program (EIEP) implemented this change over the course of three (3) reporting years with specific child development centers changing to the new reporting process each of the three (3) years. The change to the new process was fully implemented for all newly enrolled infants/toddlers as of June 30, 2019, with all child development centers using the BDI-II for both entry and exiting child outcome reporting on skill levels in all five domains.

In 2018-19, all child development centers had transitioned to this new process for gathering data on the three outcomes areas. The scoring process for the BDI-II entails converting the z-score on a given domain area to the 7-point Child Outcome Rating scale. Exit scores on the 7-point rating scale are then compared to entry scores on the 7-point rating scale to determine which of the five OSEP progress categories (a, b, c, d, or e) in which a given student falls, using the same calculation method as that used for the ECO Child Outcomes Summary process. In addition, in 2020-21, the EIEP also (in addition to changes in z-scores) used the Battelle's Change Sensitive Scores (CSS) to measure growth whereas a child who made at least a 20 point gain in CSS (which corresponds to significant growth based on the 90% confidence intervals) from entry to exit was said to have made growth.

Starting in the 2022-23 school year, the CDCs started administering the BDI-3 for children entering the Part B 619 program given that the Riverside (the publisher of the BDI-3) is phasing out the BDI-2. In 2023-24, almost half of the children with outcome scores had entry and exit scores with the BDI-3. The same criteria (i.e., a z-score of -1.30+) is used to define exiting at age-level and the same mapping of z-scores to the 7-point rating scale is used for the BDI-3 as is used for the BDI-2.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

7 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

7 - OSEP Response

7 - Required Actions

Indicator 8: Parent involvement

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Data Source

State selected data source.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of respondent parents who report schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities) divided by the (total # of respondent parents of children with disabilities)] times 100.

Instructions

Sampling of parents from whom response is requested is allowed. When sampling is used, submit a description of the sampling methodology outlining how the design will yield valid and reliable estimates. (See [General Instructions](#) on page 3 for additional instructions on sampling.)

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target.

Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

If the State is using a separate data collection methodology for preschool children, the State must provide separate baseline data, targets, and actual target data or discuss the procedures used to combine data from school age and preschool data collection methodologies in a manner that is valid and reliable.

While a survey is not required for this indicator, a State using a survey must submit a copy of any new or revised survey with its SPP/APR.

Report the number of parents to whom the surveys were distributed and the number of respondent parents. The survey response rate is automatically calculated using the submitted data.

States must compare the response rate for the reporting year to the response rate for the previous year (e.g., in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, compare the FFY 2023 response rate to the FFY 2022 response rate) and describe strategies that will be implemented which are expected to increase the response rate, particularly for those groups that are underrepresented.

The State must also analyze the response rate to identify potential nonresponse bias and take steps to reduce any identified bias and promote response from a broad cross-section of parents of children with disabilities.

Include in the State's analysis the extent to which the demographics of the children for whom parents responded are representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services. States must consider race/ethnicity. In addition, the State's analysis must also include at least one of the following demographics: age of the student, disability category, gender, geographic location, and/or another demographic category approved through the stakeholder input process.

States must describe the metric used to determine representativeness (e.g., +/- 3% discrepancy in the proportion of responders compared to target group).

If the analysis shows that the demographics of the children for whom parents responding are not representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services in the State, describe the strategies that the State will use to ensure that in the future the response data are representative of those demographics. In identifying such strategies, the State should consider factors such as how the State distributed the survey to parents (e.g., by mail, by e-mail, on-line, by telephone, in-person through school personnel), and how responses were collected.

States are encouraged to work in collaboration with their OSEP-funded parent centers in collecting data.

8 - Indicator Data

Question	Yes / No
Do you use a separate data collection methodology for preschool children?	NO

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

The WDE remains committed to increasing the engagement of diverse populations. There is a concerted effort to include as many representatives from the Wind River Indian Reservation as possible when developing technical assistance, professional development, monitoring plans, specific state initiatives and creating documents and resources for parents. The WDE also employs many strategies to involve the diverse group of parents who are limited in the English language, as well as those who have low vision, are blind, or are deaf/hard of hearing. Specific resources are developed to increase their capacity to participate in the activities of the stakeholder group, but also to be able to meaningfully participate in their child's educational programming.

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2021	87.01%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target >=	75.89%	78.50%	85.28%	87.01%	87.01%
Data	83.40%	85.44%	85.30%	87.01%	90.41%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target >=	87.23%	87.23%	88.00%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of respondent parents who report schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities	Total number of respondent parents of children with disabilities	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
4,686	5,108	90.41%	87.23%	91.74%	Met target	No Slippage

Since the State did not report preschool children separately, discuss the procedures used to combine data from school age and preschool surveys in a manner that is valid and reliable.

Starting in 2021-22, every LEA in the state is required to administer the survey to all their parents of students with disabilities ages 3-21. Every LEA, including the LEA that is focused on pre-k students with disabilities is required to do this census administration every year. Parents of students with disabilities are provided with a variety of ways to complete the survey. LEA staff members can distribute the survey in person, via mail, via email, and/or via text. WDE has created materials for each administrative method for each LEA in order to help facilitate an efficient administration. Response rates by LEA were monitored to ensure each LEA is administering the survey to their parents. Nonresponse bias and the representativeness of responses continue to be examined as in the past.

The number of parents to whom the surveys were distributed.

16,501

Percentage of respondent parents

30.96%

Response Rate

FFY	2022	2023
Response Rate	31.09%	30.96%

Describe the metric used to determine representativeness (e.g., +/- 3% discrepancy in the proportion of responders compared to target group).

The State compared the representation in the population to the representation in the respondents using a +/- 3% criteria to identify over-or under-representativeness.

Include the State's analyses of the extent to which the demographics of the children for whom parents responded are representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services. States must include race/ethnicity in their analysis. In addition, the State's analysis must also include at least one of the following demographics: age of the student, disability category, gender, geographic location, and/or another demographic category approved through the stakeholder input process.

The State compared the representation by race/ethnicity and grade group in the population to the representation in the respondents using a +/- 3% criteria to identify over-or under-representativeness.

Using this methodology, no differences were found by race/ethnicity or by grade group. All races/ethnicities and grade groups were within 3% of their population. Additionally, parents from districts across the state responded to the survey which increases the support for representativeness. Furthermore, results are weighted by district to ensure that the parent survey results reflect the population of parents in terms of geographic distribution.

The demographics of the children for whom parents are responding are representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services. (yes/no)

YES

Describe strategies that will be implemented which are expected to increase the response rate year over year, particularly for those groups that are underrepresented.

Our overall response rate of 31% is quite high for the Indicator 8 survey. It is the same as the 31% response rate last year, which was the third year the WDE required all districts to administer their survey to their parents of students with disabilities themselves and without the assistance of a third-party contractor. The WDE expects that LEAs will improve their administration processes over time as they figure out which methods work best for their parents.

We are continuing to take these steps to encourage a higher percentage of parents of Hispanic and of American Indian students with disabilities to respond. Two of our strategies for increasing this response rate include creating a survey in an auditory format in Spanish (recording) and having a booth at the annual Native American Education Conference to provide families with Special Education resources and an opportunity to complete the survey on-site. This strategy was successfully implemented last year and it resulted in these groups having a higher response rate than in the past.

Additionally, we are facilitating a higher percentage of parents of all students with all disabilities to respond by making the survey accessible in different format such as traditional print, auditory format, and in braille.

Lastly, all districts are encouraging all their parents to respond and providing an opportunity for their parents to respond. This will increase the response rate given that compared to WDE, districts can more easily connect with the parents about the importance of the survey and directly encourage them to complete it. In the past, parents of Native American students and parents of students in grades 9-12 were less likely to respond than other parents. Given the district efforts to make a personal connection between district staff and parents, including parents of Native American students and grade 9-12 students, have resulted in an increase in the response rates for these two groups. This coming year we will continue to encourage districts to strongly encourage all their parents to respond to the survey.

Describe the analysis of the response rate including any nonresponse bias that was identified, and the steps taken to reduce any identified bias and promote response from a broad cross section of parents of children with disabilities.

Nonresponse bias measures the differences in opinions between respondents and non-respondents in meaningful ways, such as the positivity of responses. A few things can be examined to determine nonresponse bias. One is the overall response rate. The higher the response rate, the less likely nonresponse bias will occur. Our response rate is 31%, which is fairly high.

Second, the representativeness of the responses can be examined. No significant differences were found in response data by race/ethnicity or grade group making nonresponse bias less likely.

Third, we can compare the responses of parents who responded early in the process to those who responded later in the process. The idea being that perhaps those who do not immediately respond are different in some meaningful way than those who respond immediately. These results showed no statistically significant differences between parents who responded earlier and parents who responded later.

A final point is that providing multiple modes of responding (e.g., email, text, mail, in-person) (which the WDE does), not only helps the response rate but also helps reduce potential nonresponse bias.

All of this evidence led the state to determine that nonresponse bias was not impacting the data.

Sampling Question	Yes / No
Was sampling used?	NO

Survey Question	Yes / No
Was a survey used?	YES
If yes, is it a new or revised survey?	NO
If yes, provide a copy of the survey.	

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

8 - Prior FFY Required Actions

In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must report whether the FFY 2023 data are from a response group that is representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services, and, if not, the actions the State is taking to address this issue. The State must also include its analysis of the extent to which the response data are representative of the demographics of children receiving special education services.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

As indicated above, the demographics of parents responding are representative of the demographics of the children received special education services. We are confident that the overall results are representative of the State. This year there were no differences in the representativeness by race/ethnicity or by grade group. In addition, we heard from parents from a wide range of districts from across the State and results are weighted by district to ensure that the parent survey results reflect the population of parents in terms of geographic distribution.

8 - OSEP Response

8 - Required Actions

Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Disproportionality

Compliance indicator: Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Data Source

State’s analysis, based on State’s Child Count data collected under IDEA section 618, to determine if the disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services was the result of inappropriate identification.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of districts, that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups, with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification) divided by the (# of districts in the State that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups)] times 100.

Include State’s definition of “disproportionate representation.” Please specify in your definition: 1) the calculation method(s) being used (i.e., risk ratio, weighted risk ratio, e-formula, etc.); and 2) the threshold at which disproportionate representation is identified. Also include, as appropriate, 3) the number of years of data used in the calculation; and 4) any minimum cell and/or n-sizes (i.e., risk numerator and/or risk denominator).

Based on its review of the 618 data for the reporting year, describe how the State made its annual determination as to whether the disproportionate representation it identified of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services was the result of inappropriate identification as required by 34 CFR §§300.600(d)(3) and 300.602(a), e.g., using monitoring data; reviewing policies, practices and procedures. In determining disproportionate representation, analyze data, for each district, for all racial and ethnic groups in the district, or all racial and ethnic groups in the district that meet a minimum n and/or cell size set by the State. Report on the percent of districts in which disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services is the result of inappropriate identification, even if the determination of inappropriate identification was made after the end of the FFY 2023 reporting period (i.e., after June 30, 2024).

Instructions

Provide racial/ethnic disproportionality data for all children aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served under IDEA, aggregated across all disability categories. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

States are not required to report on underrepresentation.

If the State has established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, districts that met that State-established n and/or cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of districts totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement because the district did not meet the minimum n and/or cell size for any racial/ethnic group.

Consider using multiple methods in calculating disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups to reduce the risk of overlooking potential problems. Describe the method(s) used to calculate disproportionate representation.

Provide the number of districts that met the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services and the number of those districts identified with disproportionate representation that is the result of inappropriate identification.

Targets must be 0%.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of child-specific and regulatory/systemic noncompliance as noted in OSEP’s response for the previous SPP/APR. If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State’s issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

9 - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2020	0.00%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Has the state established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement? (yes/no)

YES

If yes, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, districts that met the State-established n and/or cell size. Report the number of districts excluded from the calculation as a result of the requirement.

0

Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial/ethnic groups in special education and related services	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial/ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification	Number of districts that met the State's minimum n and/or cell size	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
0	0	49	0.00%	0%	0.00%	Met target	No Slippage

Were all races and ethnicities included in the review?

YES

Define "disproportionate representation." Please specify in your definition: 1) the calculation method(s) being used (i.e., risk ratio, weighted risk ratio, e-formula, etc.); and 2) the threshold at which disproportionate representation is identified. Also include, as appropriate, 3) the number of years of data used in the calculation; and 4) any minimum cell and/or n-sizes (i.e., risk numerator and/or risk denominator).

The WDE collects the data used for Indicator 9 on the October 1 snapshot data collection. All races and ethnicities are included in the review of Indicator 9. The WDE calculates a Risk Ratio for each school district in the state, based on the identification rate of each racial/ethnic group in each district. If there are 10 or more students with disabilities in the group of interest (cell size) and 30 or more students in the group of interest enrolled in the LEA (n size) and if there are also 10 or more students with disabilities in the comparison group (cell size) and 30 or more students in the comparison group (n size) enrolled in the LEA, the Risk Ratio is used; otherwise, if the target group meets the minimums but there are fewer than 10 students with disabilities in the comparison group and/or fewer than 30 students enrolled in the comparison group, the Alternate Risk Ratio is used. Using both the Risk Ratio and the Alternate Risk Ratio ensures that the largest numbers of identification rates are considered for disproportionate representation. One year of data is used for the Indicator 9 analysis.

The WDE defines disproportionate representation as a Final Risk Ratio of 3.00 or above. Once a ratio is flagged for disproportionate representation, WDE staff members review the LEA's evaluation policies and procedures in addition to applicable student evaluation records to determine if the disproportionate representation is due to inappropriate identification.

For Indicator 9, all 49 public K-12 school districts are included in the analyses. Of these 49 LEAs, 49 met the minimum size requirements at least once for a Final Risk Ratio to be calculated (for each LEA, in theory, seven risk ratios could be calculated—one for each racial/ethnic group). Please note that many LEAs in Wyoming have fewer than five students with a disability of a particular race/ethnicity. Thus, very small numbers prevent the State from calculating reliable and meaningful risk ratios for every racial/ethnic group in every LEA.

Please note that Wyoming has 49 K-12 districts, and 1 preschool district. The preschool district serves children age 3 to 5 in preschool; as such Indicators 9 and 10 are irrelevant to this preschool district. This preschool district does not serve any five-year-old kindergarten students. Thus, the starting point is 49 districts, and given that the number of exclusions for not meeting the minimum n size is 0, the final denominator is 49. (The preschool district wasn't excluded because it didn't meet the minimum n – it was excluded because it doesn't serve children in kindergarten through grade 12.)

Describe how the State made its annual determination as to whether the disproportionate representation it identified of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services was the result of inappropriate identification.

For Indicator 9, the WDE conducts its review of district data through the desk audit portion of Wyoming's Results Driven Accountability Monitoring System. All districts that have been flagged are required to provide the WDE with district policies and procedures concerning their identification practices. The WDE then conducts a file review to gather additional data on how the district's practices regarding the appropriate evaluation and identification of students with disabilities has affected actual students in the over-represented group and determines whether the disproportionate representation was the result of inappropriate identification.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0			0

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

9 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

9 - OSEP Response

9 - Required Actions

Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Categories

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Disproportionality

Compliance indicator: Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Data Source

State’s analysis, based on State’s Child Count data collected under IDEA section 618, to determine if the disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories was the result of inappropriate identification.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of districts, that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups, with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification) divided by the (# of districts in the State that meet the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups)] times 100.

Include State’s definition of “disproportionate representation”. Please specify in your definition: 1) the calculation method(s) being used (i.e., risk ratio, weighted risk ratio, e-formula, etc.); and 2) the threshold at which disproportionate representation is identified. Also include, as appropriate, 3) the number of years of data used in the calculation; and 4) any minimum cell and/or n-sizes (i.e., risk numerator and/or risk denominator).

Based on its review of the section 618 data for the reporting year, describe how the State made its annual determination as to whether the disproportionate representation it identified of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories was the result of inappropriate identification as required by 34 CFR §§300.600(d)(3) and 300.602(a), (e.g., using monitoring data; reviewing policies, practices and procedures). In determining disproportionate representation, analyze data, for each district, for all racial and ethnic groups in the district, or all racial and ethnic groups in the district that meet a minimum n and/or cell size set by the State. Report on the percent of districts in which disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories is the result of inappropriate identification, even if the determination of inappropriate identification was made after the end of the FFY 2023 reporting period (i.e., after June 30, 2024).

Instructions

Provide racial/ethnic disproportionality data for all children aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served under IDEA. Provide these data at a minimum for children in the following six disability categories: intellectual disability, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, speech or language impairments, other health impairments, and autism. If a State has identified disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories other than these six disability categories, the State must include these data and report on whether the State determined that the disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories was the result of inappropriate identification. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

States are not required to report on underrepresentation.

If the State has established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, districts that met that State-established n and/or cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of districts totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement because the district did not meet the minimum n and/or cell size for any racial/ethnic group.

Consider using multiple methods in calculating disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups to reduce the risk of overlooking potential problems. Describe the method(s) used to calculate disproportionate representation.

Provide the number of districts that met the State-established n and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories and the number of those districts identified with disproportionate representation that is the result of inappropriate identification.

Targets must be 0%.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of child-specific and regulatory/systemic noncompliance as noted in OSEP’s response for the previous SPP/APR. If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State’s issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

10 - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2020	0.00%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Data	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.38%
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Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Has the state established a minimum n and/or cell size requirement? (yes/no)

YES

If yes, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, districts that met the State-established n and/or cell size. Report the number of districts excluded from the calculation as a result of the requirement.

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Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial/ethnic groups in specific disability categories	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial/ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification	Number of districts that met the State's minimum n and/or cell size	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
0	0	43	2.38%	0%	0.00%	Met target	No Slippage

Were all races and ethnicities included in the review?

YES

Define “disproportionate representation”. Please specify in your definition: 1) the calculation method(s) being used (i.e., risk ratio, weighted risk ratio, e-formula, etc.); and 2) the threshold at which disproportionate representation is identified. Also include, as appropriate, 3) the number of years of data used in the calculation; and 4) any minimum cell and/or n-sizes (i.e., risk numerator and/or risk denominator).

The WDE collects the data used for Indicator 10 on the October 1 snapshot data collection through the State's data system. All races and ethnicities are included in the review of Indicator 10. The WDE calculates a Risk Ratio for each school district in the state based on the identification rate of each racial/ethnic group in each district. If there are 10 or more students with disabilities in the group of interest (cell size) and 30 or more students in the group of interest enrolled in the LEA (n size) and if there are also 10 or more students with disabilities in the comparison group (cell size) and 30 or more students in the comparison group (n size) enrolled in the LEA, the Risk Ratio is used; otherwise, if the target group meets the minimums but there are fewer than 10 students with disabilities in the comparison group and/or fewer than 30 students enrolled in the comparison group, the Alternate Risk Ratio is used. Using both the Risk Ratio and the Alternate Risk Ratio ensures that the largest numbers of identification rates are considered for disproportionate representation. One year of data is used for the Indicator 10 analysis.

The WDE defines disproportionate representation as a Final Risk Ratio of 3.00 or above. Once a ratio is flagged for disproportionate representation, WDE staff members review the LEA's evaluation policies and procedures in addition to applicable student evaluation records to determine if the disproportionate representation is due to inappropriate identification.

For Indicator 10, all 49 public K-12 school districts are included in the analyses. Of these 49 LEAs, 43 met the minimum size requirements at least once for a Final Risk Ratio to be calculated (for each LEA, in theory, 42 risk ratios could be calculated—one for each racial/ethnic group times the six primary disability categories). Please note that many LEAs in Wyoming have fewer than five students with a disability of a particular race/ethnicity; when this is disaggregated further by type of primary disability, the numbers get extremely small. Thus, very small numbers prevent the State from calculating reliable and meaningful risk ratios for every racial/ethnic group by disability in every LEA.

Please note that Wyoming has 49 K-12 districts, and 1 preschool district. The preschool district serves children age 3 to 5 in preschool; as such Indicators 9 and 10 are irrelevant to this preschool district. This preschool district does not serve any five-year-old kindergarten students. Thus, the starting point is 49 districts, and given that the number of exclusions for not meeting the minimum n size is 6, the final denominator is 43. (The preschool district wasn't excluded because it didn't meet the minimum n – it was excluded because it doesn't serve children in kindergarten through grade 12.)

Describe how the State made its annual determination as to whether the disproportionate overrepresentation it identified of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories was the result of inappropriate identification.

For Indicator 10, the WDE conducted its review of district data through the desk audit portion of Wyoming's Results Driven Accountability Focused Monitoring System. All districts that have been flagged are required to provide the WDE with district policies and procedures concerning their identification practices. The WDE then conducts a file review to gather additional data on how the district's practices regarding the appropriate evaluation and identification of students with disabilities has affected actual students in the over-represented group and determines whether the disproportionate representation was the result of inappropriate identification. The LEA's policies are also reviewed side-by-side with Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities for alignment and determines whether the disproportionate representation was the result of inappropriate identification.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
1	1		0

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the *regulatory requirements*

Regarding the one LEA that was found to have a disproportionate representation of Native American students with a Speech/Language disability, the WDE required a specific 1-year corrective action plan (CAP) with this LEA which required the LEA to conduct a comprehensive review of all policies and procedures relevant to comprehensive evaluations and eligibility determination. These policies and procedures were reviewed side-by-side with the Wyoming Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. Documentation of this review was submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation included 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needed to be updated, and 3) date by which each policy and procedure was modified and updated. In addition, the LEA provided professional development for staff who conduct psychological, educational, and behavioral evaluations and those who determine eligibility on its policies and procedures. A sign-in sheet with staff names and roles was submitted to the WDE as evidence of the professional development. The conforms with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance on General Supervision.

At the mid-point of the CAP year, the WDE pulled the special education records for all students newly evaluated who are Native American with a Speech Language disability. The WDE used its internal tool it has to determine the appropriateness of the evaluation and eligibility determination results. During this records review, the WDE was also looking to see if the team followed the LEA's policies and procedures with fidelity. All subsequent records were determined compliant and the state verified that the LEA was correctly implementing regulatory requirements with 100% compliance, consistent with the 23-01 Guidance document. The LEA was notified the CAP was closed (several months before the one year deadline for correction).

Describe how the State verified that each *individual case of noncompliance* was corrected

For the individual Native American students with a Speech/Language disability for whom non-compliance was found during the reporting period, the WDE issued a letter containing the findings. The LEA was required to reconvene the evaluation/IEP teams for each student to conduct full reevaluations within 60 days. The new assessment, evaluation, and eligibility results were made available to the WDE for its review. The WDE used its internal tool to determine the appropriateness of the evaluation and eligibility determination outcomes. During this records review, the WDE was also looking to see if the teams followed the LEA's policies and procedures with fidelity. The state verified that each of the individual cases with identified noncompliance were correct and LEAs were notified as such.

Through this process, the State demonstrated practices consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

10 - Prior FFY Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2022 (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator), the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator. The State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, that the district identified in FFY 2022 with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that was the result of inappropriate identification is in compliance with the requirements in 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.111, 300.201, and 300.301 through 300.311, including that the State verified that the district with noncompliance: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement(s) (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the district, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022, although its FFY 2022 data reflect less than 100% compliance (greater than 0% actual target data for this indicator), provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

See the previous section on how the WDE addressed FFY2022 findings of noncompliance.

10 - OSEP Response

10 - Required Actions

Indicator 11: Child Find

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Child Find

Compliance indicator: Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation or, if the State establishes a timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted, within that timeframe.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

Data to be taken from State monitoring or State data system and must be based on actual, not an average, number of days. Indicate if the State has established a timeline and, if so, what is the State's timeline for initial evaluations.

Measurement

a. # of children for whom parental consent to evaluate was received.

b. # of children whose evaluations were completed within 60 days (or State-established timeline).

Account for children included in (a), but not included in (b). Indicate the range of days beyond the timeline when the evaluation was completed and any reasons for the delays.

Percent = [(b) divided by (a)] times 100.

Instructions

If data are from State monitoring, describe the method used to select LEAs for monitoring. If data are from a State database, include data for the entire reporting year.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target. Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

Note that under 34 CFR §300.301(d), the timeframe set for initial evaluation does not apply to a public agency if: (1) the parent of a child repeatedly fails or refuses to produce the child for the evaluation; or (2) a child enrolls in a school of another public agency after the timeframe for initial evaluations has begun, and prior to a determination by the child's previous public agency as to whether the child is a child with a disability. States should not report these exceptions in either the numerator (b) or denominator (a). If the State-established timeframe provides for exceptions through State regulation or policy, describe cases falling within those exceptions and include in b.

Targets must be 100%.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of child-specific and regulatory/systemic noncompliance as noted in OSEP's response for the previous SPP/APR. If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

11 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2005	95.00%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data	98.43%	99.39%	98.73%	97.45%	96.99%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

(a) Number of children for whom parental consent to evaluate was received	(b) Number of children whose evaluations were completed within 60 days (or State-established timeline)	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
3,582	3,529	96.99%	100%	98.52%	Did not meet target	No Slippage

Number of children included in (a) but not included in (b)

53

Account for children included in (a) but not included in (b). Indicate the range of days beyond the timeline when the evaluation was completed and any reasons for the delays.

Of the 3,582 initial evaluations under Part B conducted during FFY 2023, there were 53 that did not meet the 60-day timeline requirement. Of these, 21 were from the State's 50 public school districts, and 32 were from the State's developmental preschools. The range in days beyond the 60-day timeline was 1 to 88 days. Reasons for the delays in evaluations: parental cancellations of meetings, difficulty contacting parents, psychological evaluators unavailable, not completing testing on time, and incorrect calculation of 60-day timeline. Further technical assistance will be provided to LEAs to assist with compliance in this area.

Indicate the evaluation timeline used:

The State used the 60 day timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State database that includes data for the entire reporting year

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

These data are collected through the State's database system on the end-of-year child count file (WDE-684C) which is submitted by the LEAs to the WDE annually in June.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
105	105		0

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

Regarding the 105 initial evaluations that were not completed within 60 days, the WDE required specific corrective action from any LEA exhibiting a rate below 100% compliance with the 60-day requirement. First, the Department contacted each LEA with the student identification numbers of students whose initial evaluations were reported to be completed after 60 days from receipt of consent. In each instance the LEA was required to provide a detailed explanation for the delay. The explanations were submitted electronically through a WDE monitoring database with a December 1 deadline. The only acceptable reasons are those found in 34 C.F.R. §300.301(c)(1). In addition, the WDE reviewed the districts evaluation policies and procedures for compliance with the regulations and Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. Also required was assurance that the district's policies and procedures concerning initial evaluations have been reviewed with district staff members during the 2023-2024 school year and would be adhered to. Then, in order to ensure systemic correction for all students, the WDE reviewed a sample of 10 newly evaluated students in each LEA where noncompliance was found and which were conducted during the current fiscal year to evidence 100% compliance for students other than those whose initial evaluations were completed late during the previous fiscal year. The Department verified the LEAs with non-compliance were correctly implementing the regulatory requirements with 100% compliance. This was completed within one year and is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Depending upon the content of their corrective action plan (CAP), districts were provided specially designed technical assistance from WDE staff. This includes a newly developed learning module produced by the WDE this year which addresses effective and compliance IDEA initial evaluations and reevaluation. Staffing levels were reviewed through various fiscal reports and the data collection WDE 652 of staffing assignments and unfilled positions to identify potential personnel shortages that may be affecting an LEA's ability to complete initial evaluations in a timely manner. These potential barriers were discussed with the LEAs in their CAP technical assistance calls.

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

For the 105 individual students for whom non-compliance was found, the WDE issued a letter containing findings for each of the students in whose case initial evaluations took longer than 60 days. LEAs were required to provide evidence that the student's evaluation was completed, although late, and eligibility determined. This was done by either granting temporary access to the LEA's electronic IEP system to the monitoring team or by submitting the IEP, evaluation, or IDEA student record to the WDE by secured file upload. The State verified that each record with non-compliance was corrected, with evaluations completed and eligibility determined. This was completed within 45 days and is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

11 - Prior FFY Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2022, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022, although its FFY 2022 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

See the previous section on how the WDE addressed FFY2022 findings of noncompliance.

11 - OSEP Response

11 - Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2023, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA and no outstanding corrective action exists under a State complaint or due process hearing decision for the child, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2023, although its FFY 2023 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings. If the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding, the explanation must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

Data to be taken from State monitoring or State data system.

Measurement

- a. # of children who have been served in Part C and referred to Part B for Part B eligibility determination.
- b. # of those referred determined to be NOT eligible and whose eligibility was determined prior to their third birthdays.
- c. # of those found eligible who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.
- d. # of children for whom parent refusal to provide consent caused delays in evaluation or initial services or to whom exceptions under 34 CFR §300.301(d) applied.
- e. # of children determined to be eligible for early intervention services under Part C less than 90 days before their third birthdays.
- f. # of children whose parents chose to continue early intervention services beyond the child's third birthday through a State's policy under 34 CFR §303.211 or a similar State option.

Account for children included in (a), but not included in b, c, d, e, or f. Indicate the range of days beyond the third birthday when eligibility was determined and the IEP developed, and the reasons for the delays.

Percent = [(c) divided by (a - b - d - e - f)] times 100.

Instructions

If data are from State monitoring, describe the method used to select LEAs for monitoring. If data are from a State database, include data for the entire reporting year.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target. Describe the method used to collect these data and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

Targets must be 100%.

Category f is to be used only by States that have an approved policy for providing parents the option of continuing early intervention services beyond the child's third birthday under 34 CFR §303.211 or a similar State option.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of child-specific and regulatory/systemic noncompliance as noted in OSEP's response for the previous SPP/APR. If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

12 - Indicator Data

Not Applicable

Select yes if this indicator is not applicable.

NO

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2005	68.29%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data	92.06%	97.99%	81.24%	88.54%	86.75%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

a. Number of children who have been served in Part C and referred to Part B for Part B eligibility determination.	420
b. Number of those referred determined to be NOT eligible and whose eligibility was determined prior to third birthday.	12
c. Number of those found eligible who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.	379
d. Number for whom parent refusals to provide consent caused delays in evaluation or initial services or to whom exceptions under 34 CFR §300.301(d) applied.	1
e. Number of children who were referred to Part C less than 90 days before their third birthdays.	0
f. Number of children whose parents chose to continue early intervention services beyond the child's third birthday through a State's policy under 34 CFR §303.211 or a similar State option.	0

Measure	Numerator (c)	Denominator (a-b-d-e-f)	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3 who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.	379	407	86.75%	100%	93.12%	Did not meet target	No Slippage

Number of children who served in Part C and referred to Part B for eligibility determination that are not included in b, c, d, e, or f

28

Account for children included in (a), but not included in b, c, d, e, or f. Indicate the range of days beyond the third birthday when eligibility was determined and the IEP developed, and the reasons for the delays.

There are 28 children for whom their Part B eligibility was not determined by their third birthday. The number of days after their third birthday ranged from 1 to 263. Twenty-one of the children had delays of 30 days or less. The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) provided justifications for the delays such as parents not making the child available and weather delays. For the findings of non-compliance in cases where the parent did not make the child available, it was determined that the preschool staff did not make an early or adequate attempt to complete the evaluations to determine eligibility prior to the child's third birthday. There was not sufficient documentation to show multiple attempts or, in fact, the file showed the evaluation process was started without allowing for adequate time to complete. For these reasons, the WDE believes that stating (in the justification) that the parent did not make the child available does not meet the intent of the allowable exception in 34 CFR 300.301(d).

Further technical assistance was provided to the BHD to assist with compliance in this area. This included the dissemination of guidance documents developed by the State and guidance produced by the US Department of Education and the Office of Special Education Programs.

Attach PDF table (optional)

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State database that includes data for the entire reporting year

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

These data are collected on the end-of-year child count file (WDE-457) which is submitted by the Behavioral Health Division annually to the WDE through the State's database system.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

The WDE has issued the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) a letter of notice of noncompliance for the results of Indicator 12 for this reporting period. The BHD is essentially the LEA responsible for the Part B implementation of the IDEA regulations in each of the 14 Early Childhood Regions who serve all Wyoming's students with disabilities ages 3-5 and not enrolled in kindergarten. The BHD then issued letters of noncompliance with accompanying Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to preschool regions with substantial noncompliance with their Part C to Part B transitions.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
51	51		0

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

Each Early Childhood Development Center region who was not at 100% compliance with Indicator 12 in FFY2022 was notified of their noncompliance and was subject to further corrective action. WY has only one LEA which serves both Part C and Part B ages 3-5; the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) of the WY Department of Health. The State reviewed BHD's Part C to Part B Transition policies and procedures and also required an assurance that the BHD's policies and procedures concerning Part C to Part B transition have been reviewed with all Region staff during the 2022-2023 school year and would be adhered to. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that the only LEA (BHD) with Part C to Part B ages 3-5 children is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement with 100% compliance—in this case 34 C.F.R. §300.124(b). This was achieved by reviewing

new documentation on a sample of children records not previously reviewed, showing that IEPs were developed and implemented by the child's third birthday (for those referred by Part C and found eligible for Part B). Again, this LEA met the regulatory requirement of 100% compliance. Through the reviews of subsequent records, the state confirmed the LEA is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements with 100% compliance and was corrected within one year. This is consistent with OSEP 23-01 guidance.

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

Regarding the 51 initial evaluations that were not completed on time, the WDE required specific corrective action from any preschool region exhibiting a rate below 100% compliance. First, the Department contacted the LEA and also each preschool region with the identification numbers of children whose IEP was not developed and implemented by their third birthday. In each instance, the region was required to provide an explanation for the delay. Letters of findings of noncompliance were issued for each of the children whose transition from Part C to Part B was late. Regions were required to provide evidence that the child's transition was completed, although late, and an IEP was in place. The State reviewed each individual noncompliant student record and verified that each case of noncompliance was corrected (i.e., the evaluations were complete and eligibility was determined). All noncompliance for the FFY2022 (the 51 evaluations) were timely corrected within 60 days. This is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

12 - Prior FFY Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2022, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022, although its FFY 2022 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

See the previous section on how the WDE addressed FFY2021 findings of noncompliance.

12 - OSEP Response

12 - Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2023, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA and no outstanding corrective action exists under a State complaint or due process hearing decision for the child, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2023, although its FFY 2023 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings. If the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding, the explanation must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age appropriate transition assessment, transition services including courses of study that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services, including, if appropriate, pre-employment transition services, was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

Data to be taken from State monitoring or State data system.

Measurement

Percent = [(# of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age appropriate transition assessment, transition services including courses of study that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services, including, if appropriate, pre-employment transition services, was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority) divided by the (# of youth with an IEP age 16 and above)] times 100.

If a State's policies and procedures provide that public agencies must meet these requirements at an age younger than 16, the State may, but is not required to, choose to include youth beginning at that younger age in its data for this indicator. If a State chooses to do this, it must state this clearly in its SPP/APR and ensure that its baseline data are based on youth beginning at that younger age.

Instructions

If data are from State monitoring, describe the method used to select LEAs for monitoring. If data are from a State database, include data for the entire reporting year.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target. Describe the method used to collect these data and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation.

Targets must be 100%.

Provide detailed information about the timely correction of child-specific and regulatory/systemic noncompliance as noted in OSEP's response for the previous SPP/APR. If the State did not ensure timely correction of the previous noncompliance, provide information on the extent to which noncompliance was subsequently corrected (more than one year after identification). In addition, provide information regarding the nature of any continuing noncompliance, improvement activities completed (e.g., review of policies and procedures, technical assistance, training) and any enforcement actions that were taken.

If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the data for FFY 2022), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance.

Beginning with the FFY 2024 SPP/APR (due February 2, 2026), if the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding (i.e., pre-finding correction), the explanation within each applicable indicator must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

13 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2009	54.58%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data	99.24%	97.40%	98.77%	95.17%	96.80%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth aged 16 and above with IEPs that contain each of the required components for secondary transition	Number of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
386	420	96.80%	100%	91.90%	Did not meet target	Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage, if applicable

The slippage for Indicator 13 is due to two reasons. First, previous to this reporting period, the student files reviewed did not include those students placed, either by the courts or the IEP team, in a residential facility. Beginning in FFY23, the State purposefully included those students in the review based on a credible concern identified regarding transition services for students placed out of district. Because of this credible concern, there was a special state-wide monitoring of student files for "Out of District Placed" (ODP) students. More information on that can be found in Indicator 18. Therefore, some slippage was expected when the State chose not to exclude the files for this population of students in the Indicator 13 reviews, whom often have the highest level of need and is the most mobile.

Second, through an examination of the data and following up with LEAs, it was found that students whose environment was the regular education classroom (RE) had the largest slippage in data for Indicator 13. 91.9% of RE students met the target this reporting period, as opposed to 97.4% the year prior. Students in the RE environment appear to be involved in the same the transition process as general education students (students without disabilities) and lacking the transition planning/services as outlined in the IDEA. Specifically, the two areas on the NSTTAC checklist which has the poorest results for the RE students is the lack of courses of study which meaningfully lead to achieving the post secondary goals, as well as a small number of RE student records who show evidence of inviting Vocational Rehabilitation service providers to assist in transition services.

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State monitoring

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

Data collected for this indicator is from the State's monitoring system. The WDE selects a stratified, representative sample of student files from each district in the state; between 2-10 files are reviewed for each district based on district size. An internal General Supervision/Monitoring team reviews each of the files using the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC) Indicator 13 Checklist Form A. A file that meets all of the applicable checklist criteria is deemed as meeting compliance for Indicator 13.

Question	Yes / No
Do the State's policies and procedures provide that public agencies must meet these requirements at an age younger than 16?	NO

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

There were 34 individual findings of noncompliance found for Indicator 13 using the process outlined above. These 34 students were across 8 LEAs.

LEAs are notified of findings of noncompliance through a letter. LEAs are then required to resolve areas of noncompliance within 60 days and resubmit files file with corrections. Additional student files are requested in round two to ensure compliance specific to Indicator 13. Ten additional files are requested for this second review process. If the LEA does not have an additional 10 students of transition age, they submit whatever student files remain. Further technical assistance and resource tools are provided to those districts identified as having needs in this area. Formal letters are distributed to all LEA's who meet compliance specific to this indicator.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
13	13		0

FFY 2022 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

In FFY22, there were 13 individual findings of noncompliance from 8 LEAs. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that each of the 8 LEAs that had noncompliance identified are correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements—in this case 34 C.F.R §§300.320(b) and 300.321(b). This was achieved by requesting IEP files and meeting notices for a subsequent sample of student records not previously reviewed during the initial transition review of December 2022. Through the review of subsequent records, WDE was able to verify LEAs were correctly implementing regulatory requirements with 100% compliance. This is consistent with OSEP's 23-01 Guidance document.

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

As reported in the State's FFY2022 APR under Indicator 13, the WDE made findings of noncompliance for 13 students across 8 LEAs in this area during that fiscal year. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that each of the 8 LEAs had corrected the child-specific noncompliance by reconvening the IEP team(s) or amending the program(s) to correct the deficiencies identified in the WDE's response letters of early 2024. The 8 LEAs in question were required to submit Prior Written Notice forms and revised IEPs detailing the corrections made on each student's behalf. For each of the 13 student files found noncompliant, 100% (all 13) of those files were corrected and made compliant within one year. Thus, for each of the 13 student files found noncompliance, the state reviewed corrected records and verified each case of noncompliance was corrected. This process is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified Prior to FFY 2022

Year Findings of Noncompliance Were Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Not Yet Verified as Corrected as of FFY 2022 APR	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected

13 - Prior FFY Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2022, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022, although its FFY 2022 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2022.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

See the previous section on how the WDE addressed FFY2022 findings of noncompliance.

13 - OSEP Response

13 - Required Actions

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2023, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA and no outstanding corrective action exists under a State complaint or due process hearing decision for the child, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2023, although its FFY 2023 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings. If the State did not issue any findings because it has adopted procedures that permit its LEAs to correct noncompliance prior to the State's issuance of a finding, the explanation must include how the State verified, prior to issuing a finding, that the LEA has corrected each individual case of child-specific noncompliance and is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements.

Indicator 14: Post-School Outcomes

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Results indicator: Percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and were:

- A. Enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school.
- B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school.
- C. Enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

State selected data source.

Measurement

- A. Percent enrolled in higher education = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school and were enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school)}}{\text{(\# of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school)}} \right] \times 100$.
- B. Percent enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school and were enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school)}}{\text{(\# of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school)}} \right] \times 100$.
- C. Percent enrolled in higher education, or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment = $\left[\frac{\text{(\# of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school and were enrolled in higher education, or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment)}}{\text{(\# of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school)}} \right] \times 100$.

Instructions

Sampling of youth who had IEPs and are no longer in secondary school is allowed. When sampling is used, submit a description of the sampling methodology outlining how the design will yield valid and reliable estimates of the target population. (See [General Instructions](#) on page 3 for additional instructions on sampling.)

Collect data by September 2024 on students who left school during 2022-2023, timing the data collection so that at least one year has passed since the students left school. Include students who dropped out during 2022-2023 or who were expected to return but did not return for the current school year. This includes all youth who had an IEP in effect at the time they left school, including those who graduated with a regular diploma or some other credential, dropped out, or aged out.

I. Definitions

Enrolled in higher education as used in measures A, B, and C means youth have been enrolled on a full- or part-time basis in a community college (two-year program) or college/university (four or more year program) for at least one complete term, at any time in the year since leaving high school.

Competitive employment as used in measures B and C: States have two options to report data under “competitive employment”:

Option 1: Use the same definition as used to report in the FFY 2015 SPP/APR, i.e., competitive employment means that youth have worked for pay at or above the minimum wage in a setting with others who are nondisabled for a period of 20 hours a week for at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This includes military employment.

Option 2: States report in alignment with the term “competitive integrated employment” and its definition, in section 7(5) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). For the purpose of defining the rate of compensation for students working on a “part-time basis” under this category, OSEP maintains the standard of 20 hours a week for at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This definition applies to military employment.

Enrolled in other postsecondary education or training as used in measure C, means youth have been enrolled on a full- or part-time basis for at least 1 complete term at any time in the year since leaving high school in an education or training program (e.g., Job Corps, adult education, workforce development program, vocational technical school which is less than a two-year program).

Some other employment as used in measure C means youth have worked for pay or been self-employed for a period of at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This includes working in a family business (e.g., farm, store, fishing, ranching, catering services).

II. Data Reporting

States must describe the metric used to determine representativeness (e.g., +/- 3% discrepancy in the proportion of responders compared to target group).

Provide the total number of targeted youth in the sample or census.

Provide the actual numbers for each of the following mutually exclusive categories. The actual number of “leavers” who are:

1. Enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school;
2. Competitively employed within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education);
3. Enrolled in some other postsecondary education or training program within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education or competitively employed);
4. In some other employment within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education, some other postsecondary education or training program, or competitively employed).

“Leavers” should only be counted in one of the above categories, and the categories are organized hierarchically. So, for example, “leavers” who are enrolled in full- or part-time higher education within one year of leaving high school should only be reported in category 1, even if they also

happen to be employed. Likewise, “leavers” who are not enrolled in either part- or full-time higher education, but who are competitively employed, should only be reported under category 2, even if they happen to be enrolled in some other postsecondary education or training program.

States must compare the response rate for the reporting year to the response rate for the previous year (e.g., in the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, compare the FFY 2023 response rate to the FFY 2022 response rate), and describe strategies that will be implemented which are expected to increase the response rate year over year, particularly for those groups that are underrepresented.

The State must also analyze the response rate to identify potential nonresponse bias and take steps to reduce any identified bias and promote response from a broad cross section of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school.

III. Reporting on the Measures/Indicators

Targets must be established for measures A, B, and C.

Measure A: For purposes of reporting on the measures/indicators, please note that any youth enrolled in an institution of higher education (that meets any definition of this term in the Higher Education Act (HEA)) within one year of leaving high school *must* be reported under measure A. This could include youth who also happen to be competitively employed, or in some other training program; however, the key outcome we are interested in here is enrollment in higher education.

Measure B: All youth reported under measure A should also be reported under measure B, in addition to all youth that obtain competitive employment within one year of leaving high school.

Measure C: All youth reported under measures A and B should also be reported under measure C, in addition to youth that are enrolled in some other postsecondary education or training program, or in some other employment.

Include the State’s analysis of the extent to which the response data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school. States must include race/ethnicity in their analysis. In addition, the State’s analysis must include at least one of the following demographics: disability category, gender, geographic location, and/or another demographic category approved through the stakeholder input process.

If the analysis shows that the response data are not representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, describe the strategies that the State will use to ensure that in the future the response data are representative of those demographics. In identifying such strategies, the State should consider factors such as how the State collected the data.

14 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Measure	Baseline	FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A	2020	Target ≥	27.43%	27.00%	19.00%	19.00%	20.18%
A	16.83%	Data	25.22%	21.17%	16.83%	22.16%	20.94%
B	2020	Target ≥	59.37%	60.00%	59.00%	59.00%	59.39%
B	60.08%	Data	65.40%	61.71%	60.08%	61.62%	61.26%
C	2020	Target ≥	75.75%	76.00%	73.00%	73.00%	73.34%
C	74.36%	Data	79.02%	75.68%	74.36%	72.79%	72.43%

FFY 2021 Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target A ≥	21.35%	23.35%	26.00%
Target B ≥	59.78%	60.95%	62.50%
Target C ≥	73.68%	75.15%	76.50%

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State’s customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year’s annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

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FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Total number of targeted youth in the sample or census	727
Number of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school	553
Response Rate	76.07%
1. Number of respondent youth who enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school	125
2. Number of respondent youth who competitively employed within one year of leaving high school	235
3. Number of respondent youth enrolled in some other postsecondary education or training program within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education or competitively employed)	20
4. Number of respondent youth who are in some other employment within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education, some other postsecondary education or training program, or competitively employed).	36

Measure	Number of respondent youth	Number of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
A. Enrolled in higher education (1)	125	553	20.94%	21.35%	22.60%	Met target	No Slippage
B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school (1 +2)	360	553	61.26%	59.78%	65.10%	Met target	No Slippage
C. Enrolled in higher education, or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment (1+2+3+4)	416	553	72.43%	73.68%	75.23%	Met target	No Slippage

Please select the reporting option your State is using:

Option 1: Use the same definition as used to report in the FFY 2015 SPP/APR, i.e., competitive employment means that youth have worked for pay at or above the minimum wage in a setting with others who are nondisabled for a period of 20 hours a week for at least 90 days at any time in the year since leaving high school. This includes military employment.

Response Rate

FFY	2022	2023
Response Rate	72.08%	76.07%

Describe the metric used to determine representativeness (e.g., +/- 3% discrepancy in the proportion of responders compared to target group).

The State compared the representation by race/ethnicity, primary disability, and exit type in the population to the representation in the respondents using a +/- 3% criteria to identify over-or under-representation.

Include the State's analyses of the extent to which the response data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school. States must include race/ethnicity in its analysis. In addition, the State's analysis must include at least one of the following demographics: disability category, gender, geographic location, and/or another demographic category approved through the stakeholder input process.

The State compared the representation by race/ethnicity, primary disability, and exit type in the population to the representation in the respondents using a +/- 3% criteria to identify over-or under-representation.

Using this methodology, no differences were found by race/ethnicity or primary disability; however, differences were found by exit type. The population consists of 27% of students who dropped out and 65% of students who graduated with a diploma, whereas the respondents consist of 22% of students who dropped out and 68% of students who graduated with a diploma. Due to differences by exit type, the State concludes that the results are not representative.

The response data is representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school. (yes/no)

NO

If no, describe the strategies that the State will use to ensure that in the future the response data are representative of those demographics.

As part of the monthly technical assistance calls with Special Education Directors, there is a month dedicated to "Valid and Reliable Data." The WDE will add to the presentation Indicator 14, including representativeness in its response data for students who have dropped out. This will increase the awareness of the importance of the requirement of having response data that is representative of Wyoming's student demographics. LEAs will be encouraged to find creative ways to obtain up-to-date contact information for all students, e.g., following up with local GED programs to see if any of these students have enrolled; and in small communities, reach out to people and employers who may know these students to see if contact information can be obtained.

Describe strategies that will be implemented which are expected to increase the response rate year over year, particularly for those groups that are underrepresented.

See the previous response to see how we plan on increasing the response rate of students who are underrepresented. In addition, the WDE will continue to encourage districts to get a high response rate. In 2021-22, the WDE added the Indicator 14 response rate as one criteria in district determinations which provides an incentive for districts to aim for a high response rate.

Strategies to increase response rates by LEAs include:

- Email blasts with a link to the survey
- Text blasts with a link to the survey
- Postcards with a QR code to complete the survey

Describe the analysis of the response rate including any nonresponse bias that was identified, and the steps taken to reduce any identified bias and promote response from a broad cross section of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school.

Nonresponse bias measures the differences in opinions between respondents and non-respondents in meaningful ways, such as the positivity of responses. A few things can be examined to determine nonresponse bias. One is the overall response rate. The higher the response rate, the less likely nonresponse bias will occur. Our response rate is 76%, which is very high.

Second, the representativeness of the responses can be examined. No differences were found in the response data based on race/ethnicity or primary disability; however, differences were found by exit type. While we received responses from a broad geographic range of students from across the state from multiple districts, the differences in exit type could point to nonresponse bias, so we proceeded with the next analysis.

Third, we can compare the responses of exited students who responded early in the process to those who responded later in the process. The idea being that perhaps those who do not immediately respond and need multiple prompts to respond are different in some meaningful way than those who respond immediately. These results showed no statistically significant differences between exited students who responded earlier and exited students who responded later.

Providing multiple modes of responding (e.g., email, text, phone interviews) not only helps the response rate but also helps reduce potential nonresponse bias. We conclude that nonresponse bias might be present given that differences in representativeness and results were found by exit type.

Sampling Question	Yes / No
Was sampling used?	NO
Survey Question	Yes / No
Was a survey used?	YES
If yes, is it a new or revised survey?	NO

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

14 - Prior FFY Required Actions

In the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, the State must report whether the FFY 2023 data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and, if not, the actions the State is taking to address this issue. The State must also include its analysis of the extent to which the response data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school.

Response to actions required in FFY 2022 SPP/APR

As indicated above, the demographics of exiting students responding are generally representative of the demographics of the exiting students in the population except for exiting students who dropped out. To address this, the WDE is taking steps to encourage more youth who dropped out to respond. As mentioned above, we will be encouraging districts to make additional personal attempts to reach these exiting students in the spring/summer of 2025. Text and email blasts will be used to target these students as well.

14 - OSEP Response

14 - Required Actions

In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must report whether the FFY 2024 data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and, if not, the actions the State is taking to address this issue. The State must also include its analysis of the extent to which the response data are representative of the demographics of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school.

Indicator 15: Resolution Sessions

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / General Supervision

Results Indicator: Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

Data collected under section 618 of the IDEA (IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey in the EDFacts Metadata and Process System (EMAPS)).

Measurement

Percent = (3.1(a) divided by 3.1) times 100.

Instructions

Sampling is not allowed.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target.

States are not required to establish baselines or targets if the number of resolution sessions is less than 10. In a reporting period when the number of resolution sessions reaches 10 or greater, develop baseline and targets and report on them in the corresponding SPP/APR.

States may express their targets in a range (e.g., 75-85%).

If the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data under IDEA section 618, explain.

States are not required to report data at the LEA level.

15 - Indicator Data

Select yes to use target ranges

Target Range not used

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data
SY 2023-24 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/13/2024	3.1 Number of resolution sessions	2
SY 2023-24 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/13/2024	3.1(a) Number resolution sessions resolved through settlement agreements	1

Select yes if the data reported in this indicator are not the same as the State's data reported under section 618 of the IDEA.

NO

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

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Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2005	100.00%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target >=					
Data	50.00%		66.67%	0.00%	100.00%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target >=			

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

3.1(a) Number resolutions sessions resolved through settlement agreements	3.1 Number of resolutions sessions	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
1	2	100.00%		50.00%	N/A	N/A

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

15 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

15 - OSEP Response

The State reported fewer than ten resolution sessions held in FFY 2023. The State is not required to provide targets until any fiscal year in which ten or more resolution sessions were held.

15 - Required Actions

Indicator 16: Mediation

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / General Supervision

Results indicator: Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Data Source

Data collected under section 618 of the IDEA (IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey in the ED Facts Metadata and Process System (EMAPS)).

Measurement

Percent = $(2.1(a)(i) + 2.1(b)(i))$ divided by 2.1 times 100.

Instructions

Sampling is not allowed.

Describe the results of the calculations and compare the results to the target.

States are not required to establish baselines or targets if the number of mediations is less than 10. In a reporting period when the number of mediations reaches 10 or greater, develop baseline and targets and report on them in the corresponding SPP/APR.

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States are not required to report data at the LEA level.

16 - Indicator Data

Select yes to use target ranges

Target Range not used

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data
SY 2023-24 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/13/2024	2.1 Mediations held	10
SY 2023-24 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/13/2024	2.1.a.i Mediations agreements related to due process complaints	0
SY 2023-24 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/13/2024	2.1.b.i Mediations agreements not related to due process complaints	7

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Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2021	83.33%

FFY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target >=				74.00%	74.00%
Data	100.00%	75.00%		83.33%	100.00%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target >=	74.00%	74.00%	74.00%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

2.1.a.i Mediation agreements related to due process complaints	2.1.b.i Mediation agreements not related to due process complaints	2.1 Number of mediations held	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
0	7	10	100.00%	74.00%	70.00%	Did not meet target	Slippage

Provide reasons for slippage, if applicable

FFY2023 the State held 10 mediations and just meeting the n-size of 10 and a significant increase from 3 mediations held in the prior FFY.

In January of 2023, Wyoming elected a new State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Her essential priority is parent engagement and involvement in their child's education. It is a focus area that must remain at the forefront of the work of all divisions in the department, special education included. To that end, the Special Program's Division has made a statewide effort to educate parents of their IDEA rights and make them aware of avenues available to resolve disputes with LEAs. The dispute resolution coordinator has completely overhauled Wyoming's dispute resolution (DR) processes to be a highly effective and responsive system. Within this new system, the coordinator has made filing a state complaint or requesting a mediation session more accessible to parents and in formats that are easier to understand. The WDE sees the increase in mediation NOT as districts are not providing FAPE in more instances, but that parents across Wyoming are better informed and the process to engage in resolving disputes is a less difficult and cumbersome process. Many training opportunities have taken place for parents and this will continue.

DR data now fully informs the general supervision and monitoring work, as well as helps drive TA and PD in our state.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

16 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

16 - OSEP Response

16 - Required Actions

Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: General Supervision

The State's SPP/APR includes a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that meets the requirements set forth for this indicator.

Measurement

The State's SPP/APR includes an SSIP that is a comprehensive, ambitious, yet achievable multi-year plan for improving results for children with disabilities. The SSIP includes each of the components described below.

Instructions

Baseline Data: The State must provide baseline data that must be expressed as a percentage, and which is aligned with the State-identified Measurable Result(s) (SiMR) for Children with Disabilities.

Targets: In its FFY 2020 SPP/APR, due February 1, 2022, the State must provide measurable and rigorous targets (expressed as percentages) for each of the six years from FFY 2020 through FFY 2025. The State's FFY 2025 target must demonstrate improvement over the State's baseline data.

Updated Data: In its FFYs 2020 through FFY 2025 SPPs/APRs, due February 2022 through February 2027, the State must provide updated data for that specific FFY (expressed as percentages) and that data must be aligned with the State-identified Measurable Result(s) Children with Disabilities. In its FFYs 2020 through FFY 2025 SPPs/APRs, the State must report on whether it met its target.

Overview of the Three Phases of the SSIP

It is of the utmost importance to improve results for children with disabilities by improving educational services, including special education and related services. Stakeholders, including parents of children with disabilities, local educational agencies, the State Advisory Panel, and others, are critical participants in improving results for children with disabilities and should be included in developing, implementing, evaluating, and revising the SSIP and included in establishing the State's targets under Indicator 17. The SSIP should include information about stakeholder involvement in all three phases.

Phase I: Analysis:

- Data Analysis;
- Analysis of State Infrastructure to Support Improvement and Build Capacity;
- State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities;
- Selection of Coherent Improvement Strategies; and
- Theory of Action.

Phase II: Plan (which, in addition to the Phase I content (including any updates)) outlined above):

- Infrastructure Development;
- Support for local educational agency (LEA) Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices; and
- Evaluation.

Phase III: Implementation and Evaluation (which, in addition to the Phase I and Phase II content (including any updates)) outlined above):

- Results of Ongoing Evaluation and Revisions to the SSIP.

Specific Content of Each Phase of the SSIP

Refer to FFY 2013-2015 Measurement Table for detailed requirements of Phase I and Phase II SSIP submissions.

Phase III should only include information from Phase I or Phase II if changes or revisions are being made by the State and/or if information previously required in Phase I or Phase II was not reported.

Phase III: Implementation and Evaluation

In Phase III, the State must, consistent with its evaluation plan described in Phase II, assess and report on its progress implementing the SSIP. This includes: (A) data and analysis on the extent to which the State has made progress toward and/or met the State-established short-term and long-term outcomes or objectives for implementation of the SSIP and its progress toward achieving the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities (SiMR); (B) the rationale for any revisions that were made, or that the State intends to make, to the SSIP as the result of implementation, analysis, and evaluation; and (C) a description of the meaningful stakeholder engagement. If the State intends to continue implementing the SSIP without modifications, the State must describe how the data from the evaluation support this decision.

A. Data Analysis

As required in the Instructions for the Indicator/Measurement, in its FFYs 2020 through 2025 SPPs/APRs, the State must report data for that specific FFY (expressed as actual numbers and percentages) that are aligned with the SiMR. The State must report on whether the State met its target. In addition, the State may report on any additional data (e.g., progress monitoring data) that were collected and analyzed that would suggest progress toward the SiMR. States using a subset of the population from the indicator (e.g., a sample, cohort model) should describe how data are collected and analyzed for the SiMR if that was not described in Phase I or Phase II of the SSIP.

B. Phase III Implementation, Analysis and Evaluation

The State must provide a narrative or graphic representation, (e.g., a logic model) of the principal activities, measures and outcomes that were implemented since the State's last SSIP submission (i.e., February 1, 2024). The evaluation should align with the theory of action described in Phase I and the evaluation plan described in Phase II. The State must describe any changes to the activities, strategies, or timelines described in Phase II and include a rationale or justification for the changes. If the State intends to continue implementing the SSIP without modifications, the State must describe how the data from the evaluation support this decision.

The State must summarize the infrastructure improvement strategies that were implemented, and the short-term outcomes achieved, including the measures or rationale used by the State and stakeholders to assess and communicate achievement. Relate short-term outcomes to one or more areas of a systems framework (e.g., governance, data, finance, accountability/monitoring, quality standards, professional development and/or technical assistance) and explain how these strategies support system change and are necessary for: (a) achievement of the SiMR; (b) sustainability of systems improvement efforts; and/or (c) scale-up. The State must describe the next steps for each infrastructure improvement strategy and the anticipated outcomes to be attained during the next fiscal year (e.g., for the FFY 2023 APR, report on anticipated outcomes to be obtained during FFY 2024, i.e., July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025).

The State must summarize the specific evidence-based practices that were implemented and the strategies or activities that supported their selection and ensured their use with fidelity. Describe how the evidence-based practices, and activities or strategies that support their use, are intended to impact the SiMR by changing program/district policies, procedures, and/or practices, teacher/provider practices (e.g., behaviors), parent/caregiver outcomes,

and/or child outcomes. Describe any additional data (e.g., progress monitoring data) that was collected to support the on-going use of the evidence-based practices and inform decision-making for the next year of SSIP implementation.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

The State must describe the specific strategies implemented to engage stakeholders in key improvement efforts and how the State addressed concerns, if any, raised by stakeholders through its engagement activities.

Additional Implementation Activities

The State should identify any activities not already described that it intends to implement in the next fiscal year (e.g., for the FFY 2023 APR, report on activities it intends to implement in FFY 2024, i.e., July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) including a timeline, anticipated data collection and measures, and expected outcomes that are related to the SiMR. The State should describe any newly identified barriers and include steps to address these barriers.

17 - Indicator Data

Section A: Data Analysis

What is the State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR)?

The percentage of students with Autism, an Emotional Disability (ED) and an Other Health Impairment (OHI) graduating with a regular diploma will increase from 51.12% in 2023-24 to 51.62% in 2025-26.

NOTE: the data for FFY2022 is based on the old SiMR for Wyoming and should be deleted.

Has the SiMR changed since the last SSIP submission? (yes/no)

YES

Provide a description of the system analysis activities conducted to support changing the SiMR.

There has been an active group of SSIP stakeholders for several years. This group meets annually, at a minimum. However, at last years annual meeting a rich discussion emerged when reviewing the special education "state of the state" data. This annual review looks beyond the SiMR data (3rd grade reading scores at the time) and includes a holistic examination and drill down in all of the SPP indicator data.

The Indicator 1 graduation rate for students with disabilities is one of the lowest in the nation. The stakeholders determined that students with Autism/ED/OHI should be the focus of the SiMR given their low graduation rate and/or placement in restrictive settings.

Specific details regarding the progressive work of the stakeholder group is outlined in the stakeholder section below. Group consists of the State Director of Special Education, WDE's monitoring supervisor, Deputy Policy Officer for the Wyoming Governor's Office, Department of Family Services Regional Manager, Department of Health - Behavioral Health Supervisor, Director of the Parent Information Center, Director of Uplift Advocacy Center, 4 parents, 4 LEA administrators and teachers, the Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, 2 service providers, the SPDG external evaluator, and the leadership team of the Special Education Program's Division at WDE.

Please list the data source(s) used to support the change of the SiMR.

Data reviewed included over time data for SWD in the following areas: graduation and drop-out rates (Indicators 1 and 2); attendance rate data; post-secondary outcomes (Indicator 14); CTE participant and concentrator data. This data was disaggregated by disability and other characteristics (e.g., placement). In addition, "informal" data surrounding employability/functional skills was discussed. The data analysis showed a strong relationship between CTE concentrators, attendance, and graduation rates. All this data together indicated a need for a change in the SiMR.

Provide a description of how the State analyzed data to reach the decision to change the SiMR.

The previous SiMR was focused on grade 3 reading proficiency rates. After 10 years of this focus, it was determined by stakeholders that a change was needed especially since Wyoming was awarded a new State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) that is tied to improving graduation rates and employability skills of SWD. As mentioned previously, data on graduation, post-secondary outcomes, and CTE data was disaggregated by disability and other characteristics (e.g., placement) to arrive at new SiMR. In addition, "informal" data surrounding employability/functional skills was discussed. The data analysis showed a strong relationship between CTE concentrators, attendance, and graduation rates. All this data together indicated a need for a change in the SiMR.

Please describe the role of stakeholders in the decision to change the SiMR.

The SSIP stakeholder group had long been engaged in the previous SSIP work of the Data Based Individualization (DBI) initiative. DBI is essentially a tier 3 intervention model for struggling third grade readers. In that project, the SiMR was to increase 3rd grade reading scores. After multiple years of that focus, the group felt that a far greater need had arisen. This conclusion was reached by an annual examination of the State's special education data as a whole. While 3rd grade reading is important, the number of students being impacted through DBI was relatively small and there was an overwhelming concern regarding the State's graduation rates, especially for high-risk populations. Students with Autism (AT), Emotional Disabilities (ED), and Other Health Impairments (OHI) have higher rates of behavior incidences, lower attendance rates, and lower graduation rates. In addition, the number of students in these three categories is much higher than the number of 3rd grade students with disabilities who were receiving DBI. Therefore, the group tasked the WDE to shift the focus of the SSIP to address this higher level of need.

The stakeholder process was as follows:

In September 2023, the Special Education Programs staff met again to discuss the work of the SSIP, the lack of major scale up and sustainability over the past five years, and the desire to change the focus from DBI to something with a broader reach. Several options were discussed but it was a consensus of the staff to use the 2023-2024 SY to plan the transition. Stakeholders expressed a desire for a focus on graduation rate. As such a SPDG was written surrounding this and the SiMR was created. Beginning in spring 2024, meetings with stakeholders were conducted.

In March, the stakeholders met to drill down in graduation data to identify the population of students most at risk for not graduation AT, ED, and OHI students routinely came up for behavioral needs and poor attendance as well. This impacts their graduation and drop out data; thus became the focus of the SSIP project. In addition, the group began an exploration of improvement strategies. A SiMR was chosen.

In April, the group researched and identified the necessary skills for successful employment (essential employability skills). In addition, there was further discussion on improvement strategies, as were SiMR targets.

Finally, in November the stakeholder group decided on the SiMR target and explored any barriers to achieving those targets.

The stakeholder group is continuing to meet and will also influence the way the SSIP and the SPDG work together for the same intended outcome.

Is the State using a subset of the population from the indicator (e.g., a sample, cohort model)? (yes/no)

YES

Provide a description of the subset of the population from the indicator.

The SiMR uses a subset of the Indicator 1 data: students with Autism/ED/OHI.

Is the State's theory of action new or revised since the previous submission? (yes/no)

YES

Please provide a description of the changes and updates to the theory of action.

The WDE was in a state of project re-design in 2023-24. The SiMR and SSIP changed focus from 3rd grade reading to graduation rates for AT, ED, and OHI students; as such a major overhaul of the logic model/theory of action needed to occur. See the link below to the theory of action. The Theory of Action states that if information on person-centered IEPs, EBPS, and employability/functional skills is provided via coaching, targeted TA, and universal TA to administrators, teachers, and families, then administrators, teacher, and families will increase their knowledge and skills surrounding these areas and therefore students with disabilities will benefit in terms of high-quality IEPs, increased employability/functional skills, increased attendance, and increased CTE opportunities. As a result, their graduation rates will increase.

Please provide a link to the current theory of action.

<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/idea-special-education-resources/idea/indicators-osep/2023-24-ssip/>

Progress toward the SiMR

Please provide the data for the specific FFY listed below (expressed as actual number and percentages).

Select yes if the State uses two targets for measurement. (yes/no)

NO

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2023	51.12%

Targets

FFY	Current Relationship	2023	2024	2025
Target	Data must be greater than or equal to the target	51.12%	51.12%	51.62%

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

# of SWD with Autism/ED/OHI who graduated	# of SWD with Autism/ED/OHI who could have graduated	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
183	358	25.68%	51.12%	51.12%	N/A	N/A

Provide the data source for the FFY 2023 data.

EDfacts FS009 Data (Children with disabilities exiting special education).

Please describe how data are collected and analyzed for the SiMR.

The FS009 is provided to the external evaluator. The student-level data behind the FS009 is also provided so that disaggregated data (e.g., by gender, race/ethnicity, primary disability, placement) can be analyzed. Data surrounding the three targeted disabilities will be analyzed statewide as well as by districts in terms of their level of support. However, the data reported on the SiMR will be state-level data.

Optional: Has the State collected additional data (i.e., benchmark, CQI, survey) that demonstrates progress toward the SiMR? (yes/no)

YES

Describe any additional data collected by the State to assess progress toward the SiMR.

In addition to graduation rate data, the WDE will be analyzing attendance data and CTE participation/concentrator data to determine if the trends are going in the right direction for increased graduation. Also, the WDE is in the process of figuring out how to analyze IEP quality which also might serve as a predictor for graduation.

Did the State identify any general data quality concerns, unrelated to COVID-19, which affected progress toward the SiMR during the reporting period? (yes/no)

NO

Did the State identify any data quality concerns directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic during the reporting period? (yes/no)

NO

Section B: Implementation, Analysis and Evaluation

Please provide a link to the State's current evaluation plan.

<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/idea-special-education-resources/idea/indicators-osep/2023-24-ssip/>

Is the State's evaluation plan new or revised since the previous submission? (yes/no)

YES

If yes, provide a description of the changes and updates to the evaluation plan.

The WDE was in a state of project re-design in 2023-24. The SiMR and SSIP changed focus from 3rd grade reading to graduation rates for AT, ED, and OHI students; as such a major overhaul of the evaluation plan needed to occur. As with the previous SSIP, the state will continue to collect evaluations to track trainings and gather qualitative data through interviews/focus groups. New evaluations for the new focus include follow-up surveys, observation checklist for high-quality professional development, tracking coaching activities, various implementation and fidelity measures, a family engagement needs assessment, and additional student data. The goals that the evaluation will be measuring are: (1) Increase the number of educators, administrators, and families with the knowledge and skills to develop person-centered IEPs that address the employability skill needs impacting children and students with disabilities' access to and benefit from school academic instruction, transitions, and vocational education opportunities. (2) Increase the capacity of leaders and educators to develop systems and use strategies that build trust and engagement with families and further strengthen the role families play in their child's development and learning.

If yes, describe a rationale or justification for the changes to the SSIP evaluation plan.

The WDE was in a state of project re-design in 2023-24; as such the evaluation plan had to be redesigned. As indicated in the TOA (linked to above, as well as a more detailed logic model which is also provided in the TOA link), there are several short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. Of course, the primary long-term outcome is increased graduation rate. Short-term outcomes include: Increase in coaches', school leaders' and educators' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy surrounding employability skills of SWD and the associated targeted EBPs; and increase in IEP teams' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy surrounding how to develop high-quality IEPs. Mid-term outcomes include Increase in school leaders' and teachers' ability to implement, with fidelity, targeted EBPs; increase in percentage of SWD with high-quality IEPs that are effectively implemented; increase in percentage of SWDs placed in regular classroom, with high attendance, and participating in at least two CTE courses. Long-term outcomes also include increase in percentage of SWDs with employability skills.

Provide a summary of each infrastructure improvement strategy implemented in the reporting period:

The reporting period was, as stated, a closeout of the previous SiMR and DBI project and thus, activities involved redesigning the new graduation project. In order to closeout the previous SSIP work, the WDE honored and thanked the district personnel who delivered the interventions at a student level, collected data, and provided the WDE with feedback and improvement suggestions. Also, the data and documentation was archived in secured files and, most importantly, the WDE conducted a post-project review and recorded valuable insights (e.g., data quality, scheduled data reviews, feedback loops for implementors, etc.) for the new SSIP focus.

Describe the short-term or intermediate outcomes achieved for each infrastructure improvement strategy during the reporting period including the measures or rationale used by the State and stakeholders to assess and communicate achievement. Please relate short-term outcomes to one or more areas of a systems framework (e.g., governance, data, finance, accountability/monitoring, quality standards, professional development and/or technical assistance) and explain how these strategies support system change and are necessary for: (a) achievement of the SiMR; (b) sustainability of systems improvement efforts; and/or (c) scale-up.

No infrastructure improvement strategies were implemented in 2023-24 due to project redesign. Therefore outcomes achieved for the reporting period do not exist.

The short-term outcomes that will be measured (as specified in the logic model):

- Increase in IEP coaches' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy surrounding employability skills for SWD and their associated targeted EBPs
- Increase in school leaders' and educators' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy surrounding employability skills of SWD and the associated targeted EBPs
- Increase in families' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy employability skills of SWD and the associated targeted EBPs
- Increase in IEP teams' knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy surrounding how to develop high-quality IEPs.

The medium-term outcomes that will be measured (as specified in the logic model):

- Increase in school leaders' and teachers' ability to implement, with fidelity, targeted EBPs
- Increase in percentage of SWD with high-quality IEPs (measurable goals and services, SDI, and aids that address employability skills) that are effectively implemented
- Increase in percentage of SWDs placed in regular classroom
- Increase in SWDs' attendance rate
- Increase in percentage of SWDs participating in at least two CTE courses
- Increase family engagement (Indicator 8)

The long-term outcomes that will be measured (as specified in the logic model):

- Increase in percentage of SWDs with employability skills including:
- Increase in SWD proficiency rate on state test in reading and math
- Increase in SWD workplace/career readiness
- Increase in percentage of SWD meeting Indicator 14B (competitive employment)

All of these together will result in the ultimate goal of: Increase in the graduation rate of all SWD and for purposes of the SSIP, for students with Autism/ED/OHI.

Did the State implement any new (newly identified) infrastructure improvement strategies during the reporting period? (yes/no)

NO

Provide a summary of the next steps for each infrastructure improvement strategy and the anticipated outcomes to be attained during the next reporting period.

Coaching/intensive technical assistance: WDE will train a cohort of special education teachers to fulfill the role of onsite coaches to facilitate the development and implementation of person-centered IEPs and high quality goals in the areas of function performance and employability skills. This will be done through training at an annual coaching institute.

Targeted technical assistance: WDE will partner with the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities at the University of Wyoming in the development and delivery of a semester course regarding the explicit teaching of functional skills needed to be employment ready.

Universal technical assistance: LEAs and families will be provided information and resources to increase their knowledge of how employability training and CTE education keep students involved and engaged in their high school experience.

All of these strategies will lead to higher graduation rates; especially for students (AT, ED, and OHI) who are often the least successful in school.

Starting in spring 2025, these are the infrastructure improvement strategies we will be implementing:

The SSIP project staff is teaming up with the Wyoming Department of Education's CTE division to increase the accessibility of CTE coursework for SWD. The goals of this collaborative effort include:

1. Increase workforce credentials and work-based learning opportunities based on career clusters in Wyoming.
2. Implement student success plans statewide, across all types of high schools, and include SWD.
3. Increase participation and support in Career and Technical Student Organizations.
4. Improve professional development and pre-service training for school counselors and special education teachers around workforce opportunities for students.
5. Research and pursue assessments of students' employability/career readiness skills.
6. Research and pilot competency based-learning, where students can progress at their own pace.
7. Partner with Wyoming Workforce Services and Wyoming's community colleges to implement a statewide job fair for students with disabilities.
8. Contract with the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities to create content and deliver professional development in WDE SSIP and SPDG sponsored trainings.
9. Contract with the American Institute for Research to provide training for coaches through an annual coaching institute.

The short-term outcomes will be an increase in SWD participating in CTE courses. Also, we will collect end-of-training satisfaction data from the PD offered to determine how useful training is, as well as conduct follow-up surveys to see how many participants are implementing what they learned in training. We will begin to determine how to collect data on the quality of students' IEPs in order to assess the extent to which IEPs are meeting students' employability-related and functional-related needs and if they are being implemented with fidelity.

List the selected evidence-based practices implement in the reporting period:

As was reported in the FFY22 SPP/APR, the State was ending the Data Based Individualization (DBI) SSIP project and was making a large-scale change with the SiMR and SSIP focus from 3rd grade reading to graduation rates for AT, ED, and OHI students. This year was a planning year, project development, and extensive work with stakeholders to build the new SSIP system to begin implementation in the Spring of 2025. Therefore, there were no evidence-based practices implemented this reporting period. Closeout activities are explained above.

Provide a summary of each evidence-based practice.

As stated above, no EBP's were implemented in this reporting period. The State was in a period of project re-design.

Provide a summary of how each evidence-based practice and activities or strategies that support its use, is intended to impact the SiMR by changing program/district policies, procedures, and/or practices, teacher/provider practices (e.g., behaviors), parent/caregiver outcomes, and/or child /outcomes.

As stated above, no EBP's were implemented in this reporting period. The State was in a period of project re-design.

Describe the data collected to monitor fidelity of implementation and to assess practice change.

As stated above, no EBP's were implemented in this reporting period. The State was in a period of project re-design. As part of this redesign, a fidelity tool will be identified and used to measure practice change. Fidelity tools to measure teachers' ability to implement the targeted EBP's with fidelity will be identified/developed. In addition, one of the strategies of this SSIP is to increase the percentage of SWD with high quality IEPs tied to employability/functional skills; a tool is currently being developed to measure whether these students' "high-quality" IEPs are effectively implemented.

Describe any additional data (e.g., progress monitoring) that was collected that supports the decision to continue the ongoing use of each evidence-based practice.

As stated above, no EBP's were implemented in this reporting period. The State was in a period of project re-design.

Provide a summary of the next steps for each evidence-based practice and the anticipated outcomes to be attained during the next reporting period.

During the next reporting period, the SSIP will implement the following evidence-based practices (EBPs) to increase the graduation rates for students with AT, ED, and OHI.

1. The development and implementation of Person Centered IEPs which will enable students to reach IEP goals, increase attendance, and receive quality transition services.
2. Participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE) course for the students with disabilities (SWD) who are in the targeted population group. In Wyoming, the data shows that SWD who take two or more CTE course have a higher graduation rate than those who don't and this will facilitate meeting the SiMR target.
3. Increasing parental involvement by providing PD to teachers on the importance of effective and regular communication with parents regarding progress, involvement in school activities, and ways to support their child's education. Research shows that when students have a sense of belonging in their school community, they are less likely to drop out. Parents have a critical role in facilitating and encouraging that sense of belonging.
4. Enhancing student engagement through an Increase quality transition planning and services for SWD. This includes coordinating services, assisting in career exploration and exposure, and ensuring the courses of study align with post-secondary goals. Quality transition planning and services increase graduation rates and decrease drop-out rates for SWD.
5. Improving quality of education by teachers to provide instruction addressing social emotional, mental wellness, and executive functioning needs. Addressing these needs will increase the likelihood that the students in the targeted population group will graduate and have employability skills

necessary for successful employment. Employability skills that go beyond academics include interpersonal skill, critical thinking skills, resource management, communication skills, and personal qualities.

Does the State intend to continue implementing the SSIP without modifications? (yes/no)

NO

If no, describe any changes to the activities, strategies or timelines described in the previous submission and include a rationale or justification for the changes.

As already mentioned, the WDE was in a state of project re-design in 2023-24. The SiMR and SSIP changed focus from 3rd grade reading to graduation rates for AT, ED, and OHI students; as such a major overhaul of the activities, strategies, and timelines needed to occur.

Section C: Stakeholder Engagement

Description of Stakeholder Input

As is the State's customary annual practice, in FFY23 stakeholders were involved in the annual statewide data drill down in analyzing current data, evaluating progress, and giving input on improvement strategies. The WDE invited stakeholders to attend a comprehensive meeting in which all data points for each indicator of the SPP were explained, reviewed, and discussed. Data was displayed on how the State performed against the targets the group(s) had previously set. Targets were revisited to assess whether or not the stakeholders continued to deem each one appropriate. This year's annual stakeholder meeting included representation from LEAs, Behavioral Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health, WAPSD (advisory panel), Parent Information Center, Regional 619 providers, Wind River Indian Reservation, WASEA (special education administrators), general education administrators, Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Workforce Services. Also, from the WDE, was the entire Special Education Division, the Chief Policy Officer, consultants from the Assessment Division, and consultants from Accreditation Division. A Special Education Director from the Wind River Indian Reservation was also in attendance. There were 12 parents of students with disabilities at the meeting as well. Materials were provided ahead of time to be embossed to Braille for a blind participant.

In addition to gathering input on improvement strategies for Wyoming and providing input on focus areas, WDE enlisted stakeholder input on the revision of Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. The Rules are in the revision process and will soon enter into the promulgation process.

The WDE remains committed to increasing the engagement of diverse populations. There is a concerted effort to include as many representatives from the Wind River Indian Reservation as possible when developing technical assistance, professional development, monitoring plans, specific state initiatives and creating documents and resources for parents. The WDE also employs many strategies to involve the diverse group of parents who are limited in the English language, as well as those who have low vision, are blind, or are deaf/hard of hearing. Specific resources are developed to increase their capacity to participate in the activities of the stakeholder group, but also to be able to meaningfully participate in their child's educational programming.

Describe the specific strategies implemented to engage stakeholders in key improvement efforts.

The WDE held 2 in-person stakeholder meetings, 3 virtual meetings, used the Mentimeter and Jamboard platforms for anonymous feedback, and disseminated materials, resources, notes, and meeting minutes through the use of a shared Google folder.

Were there any concerns expressed by stakeholders during engagement activities? (yes/no)

NO

Additional Implementation Activities

List any activities not already described that the State intends to implement in the next fiscal year that are related to the SiMR.

The WDE is partnering with the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities at the University of Wyoming to create a semester long course on their ECHO platform which is intended to increase the knowledge and skills of special education teachers to explicitly teach functional and employability skills. This course will be marketed for parents as well, so they have skills to support their child in achieving their post-secondary goals and ambitions.

Provide a timeline, anticipated data collection and measures, and expected outcomes for these activities that are related to the SiMR.

Very broadly, these are the activities that will take place during the next 2-5 years:

- 2.1 Annually convene project partners and stakeholders (i.e., representatives from state agencies, department divisions, families, LEAs, educator preparation, early childhood/preschool, and general and special education) to establish a common language and vision (Year 1) and engage in data-based improvement activities
- 2.2 In collaboration with partners, develop standardized professional learning training and coaching resources for target audiences and annual refine based on participant feedback.
- 2.3 In collaboration with partners, conduct annual learning opportunities for families that clarify the role of employability skills in promoting school and post-school success and strategies for addressing these needs in the IEP.
- 2.4 Conduct annual coaching institute followed by monthly opportunities to connect for IEP facilitators and coaches to develop a coaching cadre to support local implementation
- 2.5 Conduct statewide trainings and presentations to increase the knowledge and skills of school staff to address the increase SWD employability skills across grade spans (early childhood, elementary, secondary) through the IEP
- 2.6 Develop and promote use of asynchronous learning modules to promote sustainability of professional learning

And these are the very broad activities that focus on families and administrators and will take place during next 2-5 years:

- 3.1 Conduct evaluation activities with families and school administrators and educators to identify barriers and challenges to establishing trust and engaging families in Wyoming.
- 3.2 In collaboration with partners, develop resources, communication strategies, guidance, and standardized professional development training resources for target audiences (Year 1) and annually refine based on participant evaluation data.
- 3.3 Increase capacity of Wyoming PHP and other entities responsible for supporting families to provide guidance and coaching to families to meaningfully participate in decision making and IEP development to support their child's academic and functional skills development.
- 3.4 Develop and promote use of asynchronous learning modules or face-to-training series, depending on results in 3.1 for PHP and other agencies to use with families and promote sustainability of professional learning.
- 3.5 In collaboration with UW ECHO and other partners, develop and facilitate trainings for administrators and educators to develop systems and use

strategies that build trust and engagement with families.

As specified in our logic model, the expected outcomes are:

Increase in percentage of SWD with high-quality IEPs (measurable goals and services, SDI, and aids that address employability skills) that are effectively implemented

Increase in percentage of SWDs placed in regular classroom

Increase in SWDs' attendance rate

Increase in percentage of SWDs participating in at least two CTE courses

Increase family engagement

Increase in percentage of SWDs with employability skills

Increase in SWD proficiency rate on state test in reading and math

Increase in SWD workplace/career readiness

Increase in percentage of SWD meeting Indicator 14B (competitive employment)

Increase in graduation rate

Describe any newly identified barriers and include steps to address these barriers.

The following are barriers the SSIP Stakeholder group brought forth when exploring EBPs to increase graduation rates:

1. Rigidity of graduation requirements largely focused on college readiness. Lack of emphasis on career readiness and trade schools.
2. Lack of knowledge of resources for families outside of what is offered through the school district on ways to help their child to be successful and engaged in school.
3. Lack of appropriate transition planning for students coming out of residential or detention settings.
4. Impacting students who come from a background where graduation is not important
5. CTE prerequisites hindering SWD accessing CTE course.
6. Determining ways to accurately measure student functional/employability skills.

The SSIP will address these barriers, through high quality professional development. The SSIP project will deepen the knowledge and skill of special education teachers and administrators to put systems in place which promote student engagement in their school community, provide adequate access to CTE courses, teach specific personal qualities and employability skills, and engage parents and families in the process.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional).

17 - Prior FFY Required Actions

None

17 - OSEP Response

The State has revised the baseline for this indicator, using data from FFY 2023, and OSEP accepts that revision.

17 - Required Actions

Indicator 18: General Supervision

Instructions and Measurement

Monitoring Priority: General Supervision

Compliance indicator: This SPP/APR indicator focuses on the State's exercise of its general supervision responsibility to monitor its local educational agencies (LEAs) for requirements under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) through the State's reporting on timely correction of noncompliance (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(11) and 1416(a); and 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.149, 300.600). In reporting on findings under this indicator, the State must include findings from data collected through all components of the State's general supervision system that are used to identify noncompliance. This includes, but is not limited to, information collected through State monitoring, State database/data system, dispute resolution, and fiscal management systems as well as other mechanisms through which noncompliance is identified by the State.

Data Source

The State must include findings from data collected through all components of the State's general supervision system that are used to identify noncompliance. This includes, but is not limited to, information collected through State monitoring, State database/data system, dispute resolution, and fiscal management systems as well as other mechanisms through which noncompliance is identified by the State. Provide the actual numbers used in the calculation. Include all findings of noncompliance regardless of the specific type and extent of noncompliance.

Measurement

This SPP/APR indicator requires the reporting on the percent of findings of noncompliance corrected within one year of identification:

- # of findings of noncompliance issued the prior Federal fiscal year (FFY) (e.g., for the FFY 2023 submission, use FFY 2022, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)
- # of findings of noncompliance the State verified were corrected no later than one year after the State's written notification of findings of noncompliance.

Percent = [(b) divided by (a)] times 100

States are required to complete the General Supervision Data Table within the online reporting tool.

Instructions

Baseline Data: The State must provide baseline data expressed as a percentage. OSEP assumes that the State's FFY 2023 data for this indicator is the State's baseline data unless the State provides an explanation for using other baseline data.

Targets must be 100%.

Report in Column A the total number of findings of noncompliance made in FFY 2022 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) and report in Column B the number of those findings which were timely corrected, as soon as possible and in no case later than one year after the State's written notification of noncompliance.

Starting with the FFY 2023 SPP/APR, States will be required to report on the correction of noncompliance related to compliance indicators 4B, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 based on findings issued in FFY 2022. Under each compliance indicator, States report on the correction of noncompliance for that specific indicator. However, in this general supervision Indicator 18, States report on both those findings as well as any additional findings that the State issued related to that compliance indicator.

In the last row of this General Supervision Data Table, States may also provide additional information related to other findings of noncompliance that are not specific to the compliance indicators. This row would include reporting on all other findings of noncompliance that were not reported by the State under the compliance indicators listed below (e.g., Results indicators (including related requirements), Fiscal, Dispute Resolution, etc.). In future years (e.g., with the FFY 2026 SPP/APR), States may be required to further disaggregate findings by results indicators (1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, and 17), fiscal and other areas.

If the State did not ensure timely correction of previous findings of noncompliance, provide information on the nature of any continuing noncompliance and the actions that have been taken, or will be taken, to ensure the subsequent correction of the outstanding noncompliance, to address areas in need of improvement, and any sanctions or enforcement actions used, as necessary and consistent with IDEA's enforcement provisions, the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and State rules.

18 - Indicator Data

Historical Data

Baseline Year	Baseline Data
2023	98.94%

Targets

FFY	2023	2024	2025
Target	100%	100%	100%

Indicator 4B. Percent of LEAs that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22))

Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Column A: # of written findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23)	Column B: # of any other written findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 not reported in Column A (e.g., those issued based on other IDEA requirements), if applicable	Column C1: # of written findings of noncompliance from Column A that were timely corrected (i.e., verified as corrected no later than one year from identification)	Column C2: # of written findings of noncompliance from Column B that were timely corrected (i.e., verified as corrected no later than one year from identification)	Column D: # of written findings of noncompliance from Columns A and B for which correction was not completed or timely corrected
2	8	0	8	2

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 4B due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is a difference in the I-4B data reported in the indicator 4B section of the SPP/APR and here in the indicator 18 section. Through the State's customary Indicator 4B process, there was evidence of noncompliance in 2 LEAs. Through the State's monitoring process, there were an additional 8 LEAs identified as having noncompliant disciplinary practices. Under the "Related Requirements" section for Indicator 4B, the standards that were used to make these findings were:

-Development, review, and revision of IEP. [20 U.S.C. 1414(d)(3); 34 C.F.R. §300.324

-Other findings re credible allegations related to discipline and/or addressing the needs of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others.

Through the State's monitoring, the WDE found 8 LEAs having noncompliant practices when addressing the behavioral needs through the IEP and/or in the implementation of the IEP. Specifically, when there was lack of progress on behavior goals, increased incidences of negative or aggressive behavior, an increase in seclusion/restraint occurrences, and increased absenteeism, it was found that the IEP teams were not completing the 4Rs (reconvene, review, strategize, and revise) in according with WDE's guidance.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on updated data:

The process for verifying the correction of noncompliance for the 8 additional LEAs is the same as it was for the 2 LEAs who had noncompliance for Indicator 4B and is as follows:

The WDE required each LEA to implement a comprehensive review of all its policies and procedures relevant to behavior removals. Documentation of this review was submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation included 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needed to be updated, and 3) date by which each policy and procedure was modified and updated. After the documentation was received, the WDE then conducted the same review of its own to determine if the LEAs determination and decisions were compliant with regulatory requirements. Required training was developed and delivered by the WDE and an education consultant was assigned as a coach and had monthly coaching meetings, quarterly on-site visits and discipline data reviews. The WDE and LEA leadership team conducted a follow-up data and records review (including behavior incidence documents) for the students identified in the original non-compliance, as well as a sample of 10 additional students who were newly suspended or expelled. Each of the LEAs identified as having findings of noncompliance were determined to be correctly implementing the regulatory requirements.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected:

The process to verify correction for the individual student cases of noncompliance was as follows:

For each individual student identified as having non-compliance, the LEAs were required to reconvene the IEP team to look at current data, whether or not further assessments are needed, and review behavioral supports in the IEP, to include determining if they were implemented with fidelity. In addition, they were required to document the further strategies and positive behavioral supports considered and tried with the individual student. The amended student records were provided to the WDE within 60 days. WDE reviewed the student's special education record (evaluation results, eligibility documentation, IEPs, etc.), cumulative/permanent file including grades and attendance, discipline records, functional behavior assessments, behavioral intervention plans, PBIS/intervention records, and input from teachers and administrators. The WDE looked for evidence that parents and families had the opportunity to provide input into the student's IEP and behavior plans, as per the IDEA Procedural Safeguards. The documentation of each incident of disciplinary action was reviewed for conformity with the LEA's policies and procedures. This process demonstrates consistency with the 23-01 OSPE Guidance document.

For all individual student findings, it was verified that the noncompliance had been corrected.

Indicator 9. Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

Column A: # of written findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23)	Column B: # of any other written findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 not reported in Column A (e.g., those issued based on other IDEA requirements), if applicable	Column C1: # of written findings of noncompliance from Column A that were timely corrected (i.e., verified as corrected no later than one year from identification)	Column C2: # of written findings of noncompliance from Column B that were timely corrected (i.e., verified as corrected no later than one year from identification)	Column D: # of written findings of noncompliance from Columns A and B for which correction was not completed or timely corrected
0	0		0	0

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 9 due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is no difference in the I-9 data reported in the indicator 9 section of the SPP/APR and here in the indicator 18 section.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on updated data:

There were no findings of noncompliance for this indicator by either the customary Indicator 9 process or by any other means.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected:

There were no findings of noncompliance for this indicator by either the customary Indicator 9 process or by any other means.

Indicator 10. Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022

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1	0	1	0	0

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 10 due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is no difference in the I-10 data reported in the indicator 10 section of the SPP/APR and here in the indicator 18 section.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on updated data:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 10 other than what was reported in the I-10 section.

Regarding the one LEA that was found to have a disproportionate representation of Native American students with a Speech/Language disability, the WDE required a specific 1-year corrective action plan (CAP) with this LEA which required the LEA to conduct a comprehensive review of all policies and procedures relevant to comprehensive evaluations and eligibility determination. These policies and procedures were reviewed side-by-side with the Wyoming Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. Documentation of this review was submitted to the monitoring supervisor. The documentation included 1) a copy of all policies and procedures reviewed, 2) an identification of which policy and/or procedure that needed to be updated, and 3) date by which each policy and procedure was modified and updated. In addition, the LEA provided professional development for staff who conduct psychological, educational, and behavioral evaluations and those who determine eligibility on its policies and procedures. A sign-in sheet with staff names and roles was submitted to the WDE as evidence of the professional development. The conforms with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance on General Supervision.

At the mid-point of the CAP year, the WDE pulled the special education records for all students newly evaluated who are Native American with a Speech Language disability. The WDE used its internal tool it has to determine the appropriateness of the evaluation and eligibility determination results. During this records review, the WDE was also looking to see if the team followed the LEA's policies and procedures with fidelity. All subsequent records were determined compliant and the state verified that the LEA was correctly implementing regulatory requirements with 100% compliance, consistent with the 23-01 Guidance document. The LEA was notified the CAP was closed (several months before the one year deadline for correction).

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 10 other than what was reported in the I-10 section.

For the individual Native American students with a Speech/Language disability for whom non-compliance was found during the reporting period, the WDE issued a letter containing the findings. The LEA was required to reconvene the evaluation/IEP teams for each student to conduct full reevaluations within 60 days. The new assessment, evaluation, and eligibility results were made available to the WDE for its review. The WDE used its internal tool to determine the appropriateness of the evaluation and eligibility determination outcomes. During this records review, the WDE was also looking to see if the teams followed the LEA's policies and procedures with fidelity. The state verified that each of the individual cases with identified noncompliance were correct and LEAs were notified as such.

Through this process, the State demonstrated practices consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Indicator 11. Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation or, if the State establishes a timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted, within that timeframe. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

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105	0	105	0	0

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 11 due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is no difference in the I-11 data reported in the indicator 11 section of the SPP/APR and here in the indicator 18 section.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on *updated data*:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 11 other than what was reported in the 11 section.

Regarding the 105 initial evaluations that were not completed within 60 days, the WDE required specific corrective action from any LEA exhibiting a rate below 100% compliance with the 60-day requirement. First, the Department contacted each LEA with the student identification numbers of students whose initial evaluations were reported to be completed after 60 days from receipt of consent. In each instance the LEA was required to provide a detailed explanation for the delay. The explanations were submitted electronically through a WDE monitoring database with a December 1 deadline. The only acceptable reasons are those found in 34 C.F.R. §300.301(c)(1). In addition, the WDE reviewed the districts evaluation policies and procedures for compliance with the regulations and Wyoming's Chapter 7 Rules Governing Students with Disabilities. Also required was assurance that the district's policies and procedures concerning initial evaluations have been reviewed with district staff members during the 2023-2024 school year and would be adhered to. Then, in order to ensure systemic correction for all students, the WDE reviewed a sample of 10 newly evaluated students in each LEA where noncompliance was found and which were conducted during the current fiscal year to evidence 100% compliance for students other than those whose initial evaluations were completed late during the previous fiscal year. The Department verified the LEAs with non-compliance were correctly implementing the regulatory requirements with 100% compliance. This was completed within one year and is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Depending upon the content of their corrective action plan (CAP), districts were provided specially designed technical assistance from WDE staff. This includes a newly developed learning module produced by the WDE this year which addresses effective and compliance IDEA initial evaluations and reevaluation. Staffing levels were reviewed through various fiscal reports and the data collection WDE 652 of staffing assignments and unfilled positions to identify potential personnel shortages that may be affecting an LEA's ability to complete initial evaluations in a timely manner. These potential barriers were discussed with the LEAs in their CAP technical assistance calls.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each *individual case of noncompliance* was corrected:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 11 other than what was reported in the 11 section.

For the 105 individual students for whom non-compliance was found, the WDE issued a letter containing findings for each of the students in whose case initial evaluations took longer than 60 days. LEAs were required to provide evidence that the student's evaluation was completed, although late, and eligibility determined. This was done by either granting temporary access to the LEA's electronic IEP system to the monitoring team or by submitting the IEP, evaluation, or IDEA student record to the WDE by secured file upload. The State verified that each record with non-compliance was corrected, with evaluations completed and eligibility determined. This was completed within 45 days and is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Indicator 12. Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

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51	0	51	0	0

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 12 due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is no difference in the I-12 data reported in the indicator 12 section of the SPP/APR and here in the indicator 18 section.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on updated data:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 12 other than what was reported in the 12 section.

Each Early Childhood Development Center region who was not at 100% compliance with Indicator 12 in FFY2022 was notified of their noncompliance and was subject to further corrective action. WY has only one LEA which serves both Part C and Part B ages 3-5; the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) of the WY Department of Health. The State reviewed BHD's Part C to Part B Transition policies and procedures and also required an assurance that the BHD's policies and procedures concerning Part C to Part B transition have been reviewed with all Region staff during the 2022-2023 school year and would be adhered to. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that the only LEA (BHD) with Part C to Part B ages 3-5 children is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement with 100% compliance—in this case 34 C.F.R. §300.124(b). This was achieved by reviewing new documentation on a sample of children records not previously reviewed, showing that IEPs were developed and implemented by the child's third birthday (for those referred by Part C and found eligible for Part B). Again, this LEA met the regulatory requirement of 100% compliance. Through the reviews of subsequent records, the state confirmed the LEA is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements with 100% compliance and was corrected within one year. This is consistent with OSEP 23-01 guidance.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected:

The State made no additional findings of noncompliance for Indicator 12 other than what was reported in the 12 section.

Regarding the 51 initial evaluations that were not completed on time, the WDE required specific corrective action from any preschool region exhibiting a rate below 100% compliance. First, the Department contacted the LEA and also each preschool region with the identification numbers of children whose IEP was not developed and implemented by their third birthday. In each instance, the region was required to provide an explanation for the delay. Letters of findings of noncompliance were issued for each of the children whose transition from Part C to Part B was late. Regions were required to provide evidence that the child's transition was completed, although late, and an IEP was in place. The State reviewed each individual noncompliant student record and verified that each case of noncompliance was corrected (i.e., the evaluations were complete and eligibility was determined). All noncompliance for the FFY2022 (the 51 evaluations) were timely corrected within 60 days. This is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Indicator 13. Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age-appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services and needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

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13	9	13	9	0

Please explain any differences in the number of findings reported in this data table and the number of findings reported in Indicator 13 due to various factors (e.g., additional findings related to other IDEA requirements).

There is a difference in the data table for Indicator 13 and the Indicator 13 data table reported here in Indicator 18. In Indicator 13 there were 13 individual student findings across 8 LEAs. Through the State's General Supervision and Monitoring system, there were additional 9 individual findings of noncompliance made by responding to a credible concern identified by the SEA. Even though a student is placed at a residential facility outside of the home district's boundaries, the findings of any noncompliance for a particular student count towards the home district because the facilities themselves are not LEAs. The home LEA remains responsible to ensure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for each student, regardless of placement. A credible concern regarding poor post-secondary outcomes for students placed out of the district either by the courts or by the IEP team, was identified through multiple data points and General Supervision activities. First, a broad group of stakeholders who annually review IDEA data and help identify improvement strategies tasked the SEA to look deeply into possible reasons for dramatically poorer post-secondary outcomes for out of district placed (ODP) students. The group felt that, despite having high levels of need and often being highly mobile, there is possibly some part of the educational programming being poorly implemented and resulting in undesirable outcomes for these students. The graduation rate and dropout rate for students who had been placed out of district at least one time is significantly poorer than any other IDEA disability or subgroup. This first led to a review of the transition policies and procedure for each of the 10 residential facilities/agencies in the state. A special education monitoring consultant reviewed the policies and provided assistance in policy revisions when necessary. During this period of time, the State Director of Special Education as well as special education technical assistance providers, received phone calls regarding at least 6 different student specific situations. These calls came from parents, school officials, community members, and, on two occasions law enforcement officers, with concerns regarding the lack of transition services and planning for secondary students being released from residential facilities and placed back in the community with no supports and/or skills. The WDE Leadership Team meets quarterly to address all concerns identified as a result of data, monitoring, dispute resolution, fiscal findings, stakeholder contacts (administrators, teachers, parents, advocates, attorneys, etc.), or by any other means. With the multiple forms of information stated above, a credible concern was identified and a special state-wide monitoring event was implemented. A statistically significant sample of ODP files from

each LEA in the state were reviewed. The monitoring of the ODP student files resulted in an additional 9 individual findings of noncompliance for Indicator 13.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on *updated data*:

The verification of correction of the additional 9 findings of noncompliance identified through the credible concern investigation is as follows: The WDE determined that each of the LEAs that had noncompliance identified are correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements—in this case 34 C.F.R §§300.320(b) and 300.321(b). The WDE requested additional 10 ODP files for a further Indicator 13 review unless the LEA did not have 10 files, in which case all additional files were reviewed. These files were not in the original ODP student monitoring and, thus had not yet had the Indicator 13 NSTTAC Checklist applied to their files. The WDE's review of these student's documentation demonstrated that 100% of the new files reviewed were compliant and the LEAs in question were following proper IEP transition practices.

In FFY22, there were 13 individual findings of noncompliance from 8 LEAs. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that each of the 8 LEAs that had noncompliance identified are correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements—in this case 34 C.F.R §§300.320(b) and 300.321(b). This was achieved by requesting IEP files and meeting notices for a subsequent sample of student records not previously reviewed during the initial transition review of December 2022. Through the review of subsequent records, WDE was able to verify LEAs were correctly implementing regulatory requirements with 100% compliance. This is consistent with OSEP's 23-01 Guidance document.

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each *individual case* of noncompliance was corrected:

In conducting its verification process for the additional 9 individual findings, the WDE determined that each of the LEAs in question had corrected the child-specific noncompliance by reconvening the IEP team(s) or amending the program(s) to correct the deficiencies identified in the WDE's finding letter. The LEAs were required to submit Prior Written Notice forms and revised IEPs detailing the corrections made on each student's behalf. For each of the 9 student files found noncompliant, 100% (all 9) of those files were corrected and made compliant within one year. This process is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

As reported in the State's FFY2022 APR under Indicator 13, the WDE made findings of noncompliance for 13 students across 8 LEAs in this area during that fiscal year. In conducting its verification process, the WDE determined that each of the 8 LEAs had corrected the child-specific noncompliance by reconvening the IEP team(s) or amending the program(s) to correct the deficiencies identified in the WDE's response letters of early 2024. The 8 LEAs in question were required to submit Prior Written Notice forms and revised IEPs detailing the corrections made on each student's behalf. For each of the 13 student files found noncompliant, 100% (all 13) of those files were corrected and made compliant within one year. Thus, for each of the 13 student files found noncompliance, the state reviewed corrected records and verified each case of noncompliance was corrected. This process is consistent with the 23-01 OSEP Guidance document.

Optional for FFY 2023, 2024, and 2025:

Other Areas - All other findings: States may report here on all other findings of noncompliance that were not reported under the compliance indicators listed above (e.g., Results indicators (including related requirements), Fiscal, Dispute Resolution, etc.).

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Explain the source (e.g., State monitoring, State database/data system, dispute resolution, fiscal, related requirements, etc.) of any findings reported in this section:

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements based on *updated data*:

Please describe, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01, how the State verified that each *individual case* of noncompliance was corrected:

Total for All Noncompliance Identified (Indicators 4B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and Optional Areas):

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172	17	170	17	2

FFY 2023 SPP/APR Data

Number of findings of Noncompliance that were timely corrected	Number of findings of Noncompliance that were identified FFY 2022	FFY 2022 Data	FFY 2023 Target	FFY 2023 Data	Status	Slippage
187	189		100%	98.94%	N/A	N/A

Percent of findings of noncompliance not corrected or not verified as corrected within one year of identification	1.06%
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Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Summary of Findings of Noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 Corrected in FFY 2023 (corrected within one year from identification of the noncompliance):

1. Number of findings of noncompliance the State identified during FFY 2022 (the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)	189
2. Number of findings the State verified as timely corrected (corrected within one year from the date of written notification to the LEA of the finding)	187
3. Number of findings <u>not</u> verified as corrected within one year	2

Subsequent Correction: Summary of All Outstanding Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022 Not Timely Corrected in FFY 2023 (corrected more than one year from identification of the noncompliance):

4. Number of findings of noncompliance not timely corrected	2
5. Number of findings in Col. A the State has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline for Indicator 4B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 ("subsequent correction")	0
6a. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 4B	0
6b. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 9	0
6c. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 10	0
6d. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 11	0
6e. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 12	0
6f. Number of additional written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - Indicator 13	0
6g. (optional) Number of written findings of noncompliance (Col. B) the state has verified as corrected beyond the one-year timeline ("subsequent correction") - All other findings	0
7. Number of findings <u>not</u> yet verified as corrected	2

Subsequent correction: If the State did not ensure timely correction of previous findings of noncompliance, provide information on the nature of any continuing noncompliance and the actions that have been taken, or will be taken, to ensure the subsequent correction of the outstanding noncompliance, to address areas in need of improvement, and any sanctions or enforcement actions used, as necessary and consistent with IDEA's enforcement provisions, the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and State rules.

The WDE continues to implement the ongoing, intensive intervention process outlined above in 4B. There has been significant improvement in both of the LEA's 4B data in the past year, although neither are at 100% compliance. The State is optimistic that this improvement plan will result in bringing both LEAs into compliance in year two. Although the State has the option of redirecting or withholding funds, it feels those options are not going to be explored unless and until there is noncompliance for a period of 3 years or more.

The State did not have outstanding fiscal noncompliance.

18 - OSEP Response

The State has established the baseline for this indicator, using data from FFY 2023, and OSEP accepts that baseline.

18 - Required Actions

The State must demonstrate, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that the remaining two uncorrected findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2022 were corrected. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2023 and each LEA with remaining noncompliance identified in FFY 2022: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP QA 23-01. In the FFY 2024 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

Certification

Instructions

Choose the appropriate selection and complete all the certification information fields. Then click the "Submit" button to submit your APR.

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Select the certifier's role:

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Determination Enclosures

RDA Matrix

Wyoming 2025 Part B Results-Driven Accountability Matrix

Results-Driven Accountability Percentage and Determination (1)

Percentage (%)	Determination
87.50%	Meets Requirements

Results and Compliance Overall Scoring

Section	Total Points Available	Points Earned	Score (%)
Results	20	15	75.00%
Compliance	20	20	100.00%

(1) For a detailed explanation of how the Compliance Score, Results Score, and the Results-Driven Accountability Percentage and Determination were calculated, review "How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 2025: Part B."

2025 Part B Results Matrix

Reading Assessment Elements

Reading Assessment Elements	Grade	Performance (%)	Score
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Participating in Statewide Assessment (2)	Grade 4	99%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Participating in Statewide Assessment	Grade 8	99%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Scoring at Basic or Above on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 4	33%	2
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Included in Testing on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 4	86%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Scoring at Basic or Above on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 8	28%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Included in Testing on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 8	87%	1

Math Assessment Elements

Math Assessment Elements	Grade	Performance (%)	Score
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Participating in Statewide Assessment	Grade 4	100%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Participating in Statewide Assessment	Grade 8	98%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Scoring at Basic or Above on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 4	54%	2
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Included in Testing on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 4	93%	1
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Scoring at Basic or Above on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 8	24%	2
Percentage of Children with Disabilities Included in Testing on the National Assessment of Educational Progress	Grade 8	94%	1

(2) Statewide assessments include the regular assessment and the alternate assessment.

Exiting Data Elements

Exiting Data Elements	Performance (%)	Score
Percentage of Children with Disabilities who Dropped Out	39	0
Percentage of Children with Disabilities who Graduated with a Regular High School Diploma*	55	0

*When providing exiting data under section 618 of the IDEA, States are required to report on the number of students with disabilities who exited an educational program through receipt of a regular high school diploma. These students meet the same standards for graduation as those for students without disabilities. As explained in 34 C.F.R. § 300.102(a)(3)(iv), in effect June 30, 2017, "the term regular high school diploma means the standard high school diploma awarded to the preponderance of students in the State that is fully aligned with State standards, or a higher diploma, except that a regular high school diploma shall not be aligned to the alternate academic achievement standards described in section 1111(b)(1)(E) of the ESEA. A regular high school diploma does not include a recognized equivalent of a diploma, such as a general equivalency diploma, certificate of completion, certificate of attendance, or similar lesser credential."

2025 Part B Compliance Matrix

Part B Compliance Indicator (3)	Performance (%)	Full Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2022 (4)	Score
Indicator 4B: Significant discrepancy, by race and ethnicity, in the rate of suspension and expulsion, and policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with specified requirements.	4.44%	NO	2
Indicator 9: Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services due to inappropriate identification.	0.00%	N/A	2
Indicator 10: Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories due to inappropriate identification.	0.00%	YES	2
Indicator 11: Timely initial evaluation	98.52%	YES	2
Indicator 12: IEP developed and implemented by third birthday	93.12%	YES	2
Indicator 13: Secondary transition	91.90%	YES	2
Indicator 18: General Supervision	98.94%	NO	2
Timely and Accurate State-Reported Data	100.00%		2
Timely State Complaint Decisions	100.00%		2
Timely Due Process Hearing Decisions	N/A		N/A
Longstanding Noncompliance			2
Programmatic Specific Conditions	None		
Uncorrected identified noncompliance	None		

(3) The complete language for each indicator is located in the Part B SPP/APR Indicator Measurement Table at:

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/FFY2023-Part-B-SPP-APR-Reformatted-Measurement-Table.pdf>

(4) This column reflects full correction, which is factored into the scoring only when the compliance data are $\geq 5\%$ and $< 10\%$ for Indicators 4B, 9, and 10, and $\geq 90\%$ and $< 95\%$ for Indicators 11, 12, 13 and 18.

Data Rubric

Wyoming

FFY 2023 APR (1)

Part B Timely and Accurate Data -- SPP/APR Data

APR Indicator	Valid and Reliable	Total
1	1	1
2	1	1
3A	1	1
3B	1	1
3C	1	1
3D	1	1
4A	1	1
4B	1	1
5	1	1
6	1	1
7	1	1
8	1	1
9	1	1
10	1	1
11	1	1
12	1	1
13	1	1
14	1	1
15	1	1
16	1	1
17	1	1
18	1	1

APR Score Calculation

Subtotal	22
Timely Submission Points - If the FFY 2023 APR was submitted on-time, place the number 5 in the cell on the right.	5
Grand Total - (Sum of Subtotal and Timely Submission Points) =	27

(1) In the SPP/APR Data table, where there is an N/A in the Valid and Reliable column, the Total column will display a 0. This is a change from prior years in display only; all calculation methods are unchanged. An N/A does not negatively affect a State's score; this is because 1 point is subtracted from the Denominator in the Indicator Calculation table for each cell marked as N/A in the SPP/APR Data table.

618 Data (2)

Table	Timely	Complete Data	Passed Edit Check	Total
Child Count/ Ed Envs Due Date: 7/31/24	1	1	1	3
Personnel Due Date: 3/5/25	1	1	1	3
Exiting Due Date: 3/5/25	1	1	1	3
Discipline Due Date: 3/5/25	1	1	1	3
State Assessment Due Date: 1/8/25	1	1	1	3
Dispute Resolution Due Date: 11/13/24	1	1	1	3
MOE/CEIS Due Date: 9/4/24	1	1	1	3

618 Score Calculation

Subtotal	21
Grand Total (Subtotal X 1.28571429) =	27.00

(2) In the 618 Data table, when calculating the value in the Total column, any N/As in the Timely, Complete Data, or Passed Edit Checks columns are treated as a '0'. An N/A does not negatively affect a State's score; this is because 1.28571429 points are subtracted from the Denominator in the Indicator Calculation table for each cell marked as N/A in the 618 Data table.

Indicator Calculation

A. APR Grand Total	27
B. 618 Grand Total	27.00
C. APR Grand Total (A) + 618 Grand Total (B) =	54.00
Total N/A Points in APR Data Table Subtracted from Denominator	0
Total N/A Points in 618 Data Table Subtracted from Denominator	0.00
Denominator	54.00
D. Subtotal (C divided by Denominator) (3) =	1.0000
E. Indicator Score (Subtotal D x 100) =	100.00

(3) Note that any cell marked as N/A in the APR Data Table will decrease the denominator by 1, and any cell marked as N/A in the 618 Data Table will decrease the denominator by 1.28571429.

APR and 618 -Timely and Accurate State Reported Data

DATE: February 2025 Submission

SPP/APR Data

1) Valid and Reliable Data - Data provided are from the correct time period, are consistent with 618 (when appropriate) and the measurement, and are consistent with previous indicator data (unless explained).

Part B 618 Data

1) Timely – A State will receive one point if it submits all *EDFacts* files or the entire *EMAPS* survey associated with the IDEA Section 618 data collection to ED by the initial due date for that collection (as described in the table below).

618 Data Collection	EDFacts Files/ EMAPS Survey	Due Date
Part B Child Count and Educational Environments	FS002 & FS089	7/31/2024
Part B Personnel	FS070, FS099, FS112	3/5/2025
Part B Exiting	FS009	3/5/2025
Part B Discipline	FS005, FS006, FS007, FS088, FS143, FS144	3/5/2025
Part B Assessment	FS175, FS178, FS185, FS188	1/8/2025
Part B Dispute Resolution	Part B Dispute Resolution Survey in <i>EMAPS</i>	11/13/2024
Part B LEA Maintenance of Effort Reduction and Coordinated Early Intervening Services	Part B MOE Reduction and CEIS Survey in <i>EMAPS</i>	9/4/2024

2) Complete Data – A State will receive one point if it submits data for all files, permitted values, category sets, subtotals, and totals associated with a specific data collection by the initial due date. No data is reported as missing. No placeholder data is submitted. The data and metadata responses submitted to *EDFacts* align. State-level data include data from all districts or agencies.

3) Passed Edit Check – A State will receive one point if it submits data that meets all the edit checks related to the specific data collection by the initial due date. The counts included in 618 data submissions are internally consistent within a data collection.

Dispute Resolution

IDEA Part B

Wyoming

School Year: 2023-24

Section A: Written, Signed Complaints

(1) Total number of written signed complaints filed.	39
(1.1) Complaints with reports issued.	31
(1.1) (a) Reports with findings of noncompliance	21
(1.1) (b) Reports within timelines	31
(1.1) (c) Reports within extended timelines	0
(1.2) Complaints pending.	0
(1.2) (a) Complaints pending a due process hearing.	0
(1.3) Complaints withdrawn or dismissed.	8

Section B: Mediation Requests

(2) Total number of mediation requests received through all dispute resolution processes.	13
(2.1) Mediations held.	10
(2.1) (a) Mediations held related to due process complaints.	0
(2.1) (a) (i) Mediation agreements related to due process complaints.	0
(2.1) (b) Mediations held not related to due process complaints.	10
(2.1) (b) (i) Mediation agreements not related to due process complaints.	7
(2.2) Mediations pending.	0
(2.3) Mediations withdrawn or not held.	3

Section C: Due Process Complaints

(3) Total number of due process complaints filed.	4
(3.1) Resolution meetings.	2
(3.1) (a) Written settlement agreements reached through resolution meetings.	1
(3.2) Hearings fully adjudicated.	0
(3.2) (a) Decisions within timeline (include expedited).	0
(3.2) (b) Decisions within extended timeline.	0
(3.3) Due process complaints pending.	0
(3.4) Due process complaints withdrawn or dismissed (including resolved without a hearing).	4

Section D: Expedited Due Process Complaints (Related to Disciplinary Decision)

(4) Total number of expedited due process complaints filed.	0
(4.1) Expedited resolution meetings.	0
(4.1) (a) Expedited written settlement agreements.	0
(4.2) Expedited hearings fully adjudicated.	0
(4.2) (a) Change of placement ordered	0
(4.3) Expedited due process complaints pending.	0
(4.4) Expedited due process complaints withdrawn or dismissed.	0

This report shows the most recent data that was entered by:
Wyoming

These data were extracted on the close date:
11/13/2024

How the Department Made Determinations

Below is the location of How the Department Made Determinations (HTDMD) on OSEP's IDEA Website. How the Department Made Determinations in 2025 will be posted in June 2025. Copy and paste the link below into a browser to view.

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/how-the-department-made-determinations/>



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Final Determination Letter

June 20, 2025

Honorable Megan Degenfelder
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Wyoming Department of Education
122 W. 25th St. Suite E200, Herschler Building, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Superintendent Degenfelder:

I am writing to advise you of the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) 2025 determination under Section 616 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Department has determined that Wyoming meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of the IDEA. This determination is based on the totality of Wyoming's data and information, including the Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR), other State-reported data, and other publicly available information.

Wyoming's 2025 determination is based on the data reflected in its "2025 Part B Results-Driven Accountability Matrix" (RDA Matrix). The RDA Matrix is individualized for each State and Entity and consists of:

- (1) a Compliance Matrix that includes scoring on Compliance Indicators and other compliance factors;
- (2) a Results Matrix that includes scoring on Results Elements;
- (3) a Compliance Score and a Results Score;
- (4) an RDA Percentage based on both the Compliance Score and the Results Score; and
- (5) the State's or Entity's Determination

The RDA Matrix is further explained in a document, entitled "[How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616\(d\) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 2025: Part B](#)" (HTDMD).

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is continuing to use both results data and compliance data in making determinations in 2025, as it did for Part B determinations in 2015-2024. (The specifics of the determination procedures and criteria are set forth in the HTDMD document and reflected in the RDA Matrix for Wyoming).

In making Part B determinations in 2025, OSEP continued to use results data related to:

- (1) the participation of children with disabilities (CWD) on Statewide assessments (which include the regular assessment and the alternate assessment);
- (2) the participation and performance of CWD on the most recently administered (school year 2023-2024) National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), as applicable (For the 2025 determinations, OSEP is using results data on the participation and performance of children with disabilities on the NAEP for the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Bureau of Indian Education, and Puerto Rico. OSEP used the available NAEP data for Puerto Rico in making Puerto Rico's 2025 determination as it did for Puerto Rico's 2024 determination. OSEP used the publicly available NAEP data for the Bureau of Indian Education that was comparable to the NAEP data available for the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; specifically OSEP did not use NAEP participation data in making the BIE's 2025 determination because the most recently administered NAEP participation data for the BIE that is publicly available is 2020, whereas the most recently administered NAEP participation data for the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that is publicly available is 2024);
- (3) the percentage of CWD who graduated with a regular high school diploma; and
- (4) the percentage of CWD who dropped out.

For the 2025 IDEA Part B determinations, OSEP also considered performance on timely correction of noncompliance requirements in Indicator 18. While the State's performance on timely correction of noncompliance was a factor in each State or Entity's 2025 Part B Compliance Matrix, no State or Entity received a Needs Intervention determination in 2025 due solely to this criterion. However, this criterion will be fully incorporated beginning with the 2026 determinations.

You may access the results of OSEP's review of Wyoming's SPP/APR and other relevant data by accessing the EMAPS SPP/APR reporting tool using your Wyoming-specific log-on information at <https://emaps.ed.gov/suite/>. When you access Wyoming's SPP/APR on the site, you will find, in applicable Indicators 1 through 18, the OSEP Response to the indicator and any actions that Wyoming is required to take. The actions that Wyoming is required to take are in the "Required Actions" section of the indicator.

It is important for you to review the Introduction to the SPP/APR, which may also include language in the "OSEP Response" and/or "Required Actions" sections.

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You will also find the following important documents in the Determinations Enclosures section:

- (1) Wyoming's RDA Matrix;
- (2) the HTDMD [link](#);
- (3) "2025 Data Rubric Part B," which shows how OSEP calculated Wyoming's "Timely and Accurate State-Reported Data" score in the Compliance Matrix; and
- (4) "Dispute Resolution 2023-2024," which includes the IDEA Section 618 data that OSEP used to calculate the Wyoming's "Timely State Complaint Decisions" and "Timely Due Process Hearing Decisions" scores in the Compliance Matrix.

As noted above, Wyoming's 2025 determination is Meets Requirements. A State's or Entity's 2025 RDA Determination is Meets Requirements if the RDA Percentage is at least 80%, unless OSEP has imposed programmatic Specific Conditions on the State's or Entity's last three IDEA Part B grant awards (for FFYs 2022, 2023, and 2024), and those Specific Conditions are in effect at the time of the 2025 determination.

The Secretary is considering modifying the factors the Department will use in making its determinations in June 2026 and beyond, as part of the Administration's priority to empower States in taking the lead in developing and implementing policies that best serve children with disabilities, and empowering parents with school choice options. As we consider changes to data collection and how we use the data reported to the Department in making annual IDEA determinations, OSEP will provide parents, States, entities, and other stakeholders with an opportunity to comment and provide input through a variety of mechanisms.

For the FFY 2024 SPP/APR submission due on February 1, 2026, OSEP is providing the following information about the IDEA Section 618 data. The 2024-25 IDEA Section 618 Part B data submitted as of the due date will be used for the FFY 2024 SPP/APR and the 2026 IDEA Part B Results Matrix and data submitted during correction opportunities will not be used for these purposes. The 2024-25 IDEA Section 618 Part B data will automatically be prepopulated in the SPP/APR reporting platform for Part B SPP/APR Indicators 3, 5, and 6 (as they have in the past). Under EDFacts Modernization, States and Entities are expected to submit high-quality IDEA Section 618 Part B data that can be published and used by the Department as of the due date. States and Entities are expected to conduct data quality reviews prior to the applicable due date. OSEP expects States and Entities to take one of the following actions for all business rules that are triggered in the appropriate EDFacts system prior to the applicable due date: 1) revise the uploaded data to address the edit; or 2) provide a data note addressing why the data submission triggered the business rule. States and Entities will be unable to submit the IDEA Section 618 Part B data without taking one of these two actions. There will not be a resubmission period for the IDEA Section 618 Part B data.

As a reminder, Wyoming must report annually to the public, by posting on the State educational agency's (SEA's) website, the performance of each local educational agency (LEA) located in Wyoming on the targets in the SPP/APR as soon as practicable, but no later than 120 days after Wyoming's submission of its FFY 2023 SPP/APR. In addition, Wyoming must:

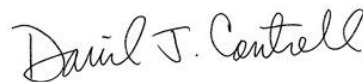
- (1) review LEA performance against targets in the State's SPP/APR;
- (2) determine if each LEA "meets the requirements" of Part B, or "needs assistance," "needs intervention," or "needs substantial intervention" in implementing Part B of the IDEA;
- (3) take appropriate enforcement action; and
- (4) inform each LEA of its determination.

Further, Wyoming must make its SPP/APR available to the public by posting it on the SEA's website. Within the upcoming weeks, OSEP will be finalizing a State Profile that:

- (1) includes Wyoming's determination letter and SPP/APR, OSEP attachments, and all State or Entity attachments that are accessible in accordance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
- (2) will be accessible to the public via the ed.gov website.

OSEP appreciates Wyoming's efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities and looks forward to working with Wyoming over the next year as we continue our important work of improving the lives of children with disabilities and their families. Please contact your OSEP State Lead if you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance.

Sincerely,



David J. Cantrell
Deputy Director
Office of Special Education Programs

cc: Wyoming Director of Special Education