Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)

Guidance for Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC) Monitoring

General Supervision (GS) and Public Agency (PA) Indicators

Introduction

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released a <u>Dear Colleague Letter</u> regarding the requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for students with disabilities in correctional facilities. ED's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) also developed a <u>State Correctional Education Self-Assessment (SCES)</u> to assist states in self-assessing their systems for providing special education and related services to students with disabilities in correctional facilities. Based on these resources, the Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) developed general supervision and public agency indicators used for monitoring special education programs in Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children/Department of Juvenile Justice (KECSAC/DJJ) facilities.

General Supervision (GS) Indicators

Indicator GS – 1: Student Participation in IEP Team Meetings

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GS | Individual | If the purpose of the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) |
| 1.a | Student | meeting is to discuss transition services, the child was invited to |
| | Record | attend and participate in the ARC meeting. 707 KAR 1:320 |
| | Reviews | <u>Section</u> , 3(4). |

Indicator GS – 2: Participation in Required Assessments

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GS | Individual | Statement of any individual accommodations to be provided the child |
| 2.a | Student | in order to participate in the state or districtwide assessment. These |
| | Record | accommodations shall be based on the requirements contained in 703 |
| | Reviews | KAR 5:070. |

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
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| GS | Individual | If the ARC determined the child meets the criteria for participation |
| 2.b | Student | in the alternate portfolio as provided in 707 KAR 1:320, Section |
| | Record | 5(11), it shall provide a statement of its decision and the reasons |
| | Reviews | for the decision. |
| | | Note: As reflected in the <u>Participation Guidelines Documentation</u> , |
| | | to participate in Kentucky's Alternate Assessment a student must |
| | | meet all four participation criteria. The ARC must document the |
| | | student's current level of communication functioning in the Present |
| | | Levels of the student's Individual Education Program (IEP). |
| GS | Program | Students with disabilities are administered the same assessments |
| 2.c | Records | as other public-school students without disabilities and are |
| | and | included in the accountability calculations as provided in 703 |
| | Monitoring | KAR 5:240, Section 8 and 703 KAR 5:070. |
| | Visit | |
| GS | Program | Students are provided accommodations on assessments as outlined |
| 2.d | Records | in students' IEPs, as provided in 707 KAR 1:320, Section 1(1) and |
| | and | 707 KAR 1:320, Section 5(10). |
| | Monitoring | |
| | Visit | |

Indicator GS – 3: Personnel Qualifications

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
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| GS | Education | According to 34 CFR §300.156, the local education agency (LEA) |
| 3.a | Professional | must ensure personnel are appropriately and adequately prepared and |
| | Standards | trained to offer educational services. |
| | Board (EPSB) Kentucky Educator Certification | All educational staff meet applicable teacher certification qualifications according to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). |
| | Inquiry (KECI) database and Program Records | Related service personnel must hold credentials consistent with any state-approved or state-recognized certification, licensing, registration or other comparable requirements that apply to the professional discipline in which that personnel is providing special education or related services. 34 CFR § 300.156(b)(1) |

Indicator GS – 4: Child Find

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| GS | Program | 707 KAR 1:300, Section 1(1) requires public agencies to have |
| 4.a | records | policies and procedures in place to plan and implement a child |
| | | find system. |

Indicator GS – 5: Surrogate Parents

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GS | Program | The program has a procedure for determining whether a student |
| 5.a | Records | needs a surrogate parent and for assigning a surrogate parent to |
| | and | the student, as determined by 707 KAR 1:340, Section 7 (5)(6). |
| | Monitoring | |
| | Visit | |
| GS | Individual | Individual student records reveal surrogate parents are appointed |
| 5.b | Student | as needed, and are invited to attend and participate in student |
| | Record | ARC meetings. <u>707 KAR 1:340</u> , <u>Sections 7(3) and 7(5)</u> ; <u>707 KAR</u> |
| | Review | 1:340, Sections 1(1)(b) and 1(2) |

Indicator GS – 6: Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Protection

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GS | Individual | Individual student record reviews indicate a copy of the procedural |
| 6.a | Student | safeguards are offered and explained to the parent or surrogate |
| | Record | parent as required under 707 KAR 1:340, Sections 5(1) and 5(2). |
| | Reviews | |
| GS | Program | Staff interviews indicate staff understand the required procedural |
| 6.b | Records | safeguards set forth by the Individuals with Disabilities Education |
| | and | Act (IDEA). |
| | Monitoring | |
| | Visit | |

Public Agency (PA) Indicators

Indicator PA – 1: IEPs for Transfer Students and Transmittal of Records

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA | Program | Written policies, procedures, staff interviews or other |
| 1.a | Records | documentation indicate the program has a procedure for |
| | and | transferring student due process records for those who transferred |
| | Monitoring | into or out of the district. |
| | Visit | |
| PA | Individual | Student due process records were received and reviewed for all |
| 1.b | Student | students who transferred into the district. If, after taking |
| | Record | reasonable steps, the new public agency or district was not able to |
| | Reviews | obtain a student's IEP, the new agency or district conducted an |
| | | evaluation and made an eligibility determination. |

Indicator PA – 2: Child Find and Evaluation

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA | Program | 707 KAR 1:300, Section 1(1) requires public agencies to have |
| 2.a | Records | child find policies and procedures in effect. |
| PA | Monitoring | Interviews indicate staff know, understand and can implement |
| 2.b | Visit | child find policies and procedures. |

Indicator PA – 3: Personnel Development

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| PA | Education Professional | Special education personnel meet state personnel |
| 3.a | Standards Board | qualification standards. 34 CFR §300.156 and 34 |
| | (EPSB) Kentucky | <u>CFR §300.207</u> |
| | Educator Certification | |
| | Inquiry (KECI) | |
| | database and Program | |
| | Records | |
| PA | Education Professional | Related service personnel meet state personnel |
| 3.b | Standards Board | qualification standards. 34 CFR §300.156(b) and 34 |
| | (EPSB) Kentucky | <u>CFR §300.207</u> |
| | Educator Certification | |
| | Inquiry (KECI) | |
| | database and Program | |
| | Records | |

Indicator PA – 4: Non-educational Staff

| Item | Data Source | Not a Compliance Indicator |
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| PA 4 | Non-educational | How is it ensured non-educational staff serving students with |
| | Staff | disabilities are included in professional development activities |
| | | regarding IDEA (e.g., the use of Positive Behavior |
| | | Interventions and Supports (PBIS), discipline procedures and |
| | | cross-agency staff discussions)? |
| | | NOTE: Indicator PA-4 was reviewed by the KDE to |
| | | determine the extent of implementation and to provide |
| | | feedback and recommendations. However, Indicator PA-4 is |
| | | not considered by OSEP to be a compliance indicator and will |
| | | not be cited by the KDE for noncompliance or required |
| | | corrective action. Please note that failure to fully implement |
| | | Indicator PA-4 may result in findings of noncompliance |
| | | related to other indicators and regulatory requirements. |

Indicator PA – 5: Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
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| PA | Individual Student | Under 707 KAR 1:320, Section 5(2)(a), in the case of a child |
| 5.a | Record Reviews | whose behavior impedes his or her learning or that of others, |
| | | the ARC must consider whether the student requires |
| | | appropriate strategies, including positive behavioral |
| | | interventions, strategies and supports to address that behavior. |
| PA | Program Records | The educational program includes implementation of |
| 5.b | and Monitoring | positive behavioral supports and interventions throughout |
| | Visit | each student's school day to address behaviors that impede |
| | | learning. |

Indicator PA – 6: Least Restrictive Environment

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA | Program Records | According to 707 KAR 1:350, Section 1, students with |
| 6.a | and Monitoring | disabilities must be educated with nondisabled peers to the |
| | Visit | maximum extent possible. The facility must have a continuum |
| | | of alternative placements available to students based on |
| | | individual needs. |
| PA | Monitoring Visit | Students with disabilities receive specially designed |
| 6.b | and Individual | instruction in the least restrictive environment (LRE) |
| | Student Record | identified within their IEP. 707 KAR 1:350, Section 1 |
| | Reviews | |

Indicator PA – 7: Postsecondary Transition

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
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| PA 7.a | Individual Student Record Reviews | By the child's 16th birthday, the IEP includes ALL the following: appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments, related to training, education, employment and, where appropriate, independent living skills AND the transition services (including the course of study) needed to assist the child in reaching these goals. |
| | | NOTE: Measurable postsecondary goals must be based on age-appropriate transition assessments which may include the following: • Behavioral assessment information; • Aptitude tests; • Interest and work values inventories and surveys; • Intelligence tests and achievement tests; • Personality or preference tests; • Career maturity or readiness tests; • Self-determination assessments; • Work related temperament scales and • Transition planning inventories |
| | | NOTES: Age-appropriate means the measure reflects the student's chronological age rather than developmental age. "Measurable" means "countable" or "quantifiable." A "measurable" postsecondary transition goal is one that allows stakeholders to conclusively determine a student's progress toward meeting that goal and when the student has attained or reached that goal. The student's postsecondary transition goals must be outcome-oriented and focused upon what the student will achieve or will do after exiting school. The student's course of study must connect with/relate to the student's statement of transition services and their postsecondary transition goals. There must be a closely aligned relationship between these components. |
| PA 7.b | Individual Student Record Reviews | The measurable postsecondary goals are reviewed annually |
| | Individual Student | and revised, if necessary. <u>707 KAR 1:320, Section 2(6)</u> . |
| PA 7.c | Record Reviews | For transition services provided or paid for by another |
| /.C | Record Reviews | agency, the other agency was invited to send a |

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| | | representative with the prior written consent of the parent |
| | | or child (if the child is an emancipated adult). |
| | | OR |
| | | If the representative of the other public agency did not |
| | | attend, the LEA took steps to obtain participation of the |
| | | other agency in the planning of any transition services. 707 |
| | | KAR 1:320, Section 3(4) |
| PA | Individual Student | At least one year prior to the student reaching the age of |
| 7.d | Record Reviews | majority, the IEP includes a statement that the child has |
| | | been informed of their rights under 707 KAR Chapter 1, |
| | | and the rights will transfer to the student upon reaching the |
| | | age of majority |
| | | NOTE: The age of majority in Kentucky is 18. (KRS |
| | | 2.015) |
| PA | Individual Student | For students graduating or aging out, documentation shows |
| 7.e | Record Reviews | the LEA provided the student with a summary of the student's |
| /.0 | 1100014 Iteviews | academic achievement and functional performance, including |
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| | | recommendations on how to assist the student in meeting the |
| | | student's postsecondary goals. 707 KAR 1:300, Section 4 (21) |

Indicator PA – 8: Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Protections

| Item | Data Source | Requirement |
|------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA | Individual | Under 707 KAR 1:340, Section 15, within 10 school days of |
| 8.a | Student Record | any decision to change the placement of a child with a disability |
| | Reviews | because of a violation of a code of student conduct, the ARC |
| | | must convene a meeting to review all relevant information to |
| | | determine if the conduct in question was caused by, or had a |
| | | direct and substantial relationship to, the student's disability. |
| PA | Program | Administrative and special education staff can articulate the |
| 8.b | Documentation | requirements for manifestation determinations and disciplinary |
| | and Monitoring | removals for students with disabilities. (707 KAR 1:340, |
| | Visit | Section 15) |

Indicator PA – 9: Reentry

| Item | Data Source | Not a Compliance Indicator |
|------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA 9 | Reentry | How is it ensured appropriate IEPs and placements are determined when eligible students with disabilities reenter public school? |
| | | NOTE: Indicator PA-9 will be reviewed by the KDE to determine the extent of implementation and to provide feedback and recommendations. However, Indicator PA-9 is not considered by OSEP to be a compliance indicator and will not be cited by the KDE for noncompliance or required corrective action. |