

Special Education Nuggets

April 2023

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Items from the Interim State Director of Special Education:

April 10, 2023, at 3:00pm we will hold our Director Check In meeting.

Future Director Check In meetings will be May 8 and June 12th from 3:00pm-4:00pm, contact [Sabine](#) if you do not have the link.

Staff Update:

State Special Education Director position has been [posted](#).

Division Director Chris Case position has been [posted](#).

Recent Special Education Director – list serv emails sent:

- OSEP's April 2023 Update: Director's Message | ED Updates | Announcements | Featured Resources - 4/5/23
 - TA Tuesdays: Specially Designed Instruction - 4/4/23
 - Updated Forms Available on Web – 4/3/23
 - Transition Plan Training - In-Service Week Offerings – 3/27/23
 - Vermont Agency of Education IDEA Part B Grant Application – Opportunity for Public Comment - 3/24/23
 - New Resources Posted on AOE Webpage - 3/23/23
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OSEP RESOURCES

RESOURCES:

[OSEP Releases New Fast Facts on Students with Traumatic Brain Injury Served Under IDEA, Part B](#)

The Office of Special Education Programs released a new OSEP Fast Facts, which looks at Students Identified with a Traumatic Brain Injury.

Read more at [OSERS Blog](#) and in the [IDEA News/Updates](#).

[OSEP Newsletter](#):

[April 2023](#) – Month of the Military Child, Engaging Families in the Digital Process, IDEA Data Center, and more

[March 2023](#) – OSEP Director Participates in White House Roundtable, Young Dual Language Learners, Webinars, Resources and More

[February 2023](#) – Resources related to: Assistive Technology and IDEA, Technical Assistance Opportunities, Visual Impairments in Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, Resources and More

[Discipline Discussions: Informal Removals Matter | Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Blog](#): Information and reminders of informal removals for students on IEPs.

Professional Development Opportunities

April 6, 3:00 – 4:00 [Special Education Rule Changes and Functional Skills Office Hour](#)

This meeting is intended to support questions related to functional skills and the special education rule changes. We will review [Wesley's case study](#) and discuss additional questions related to this rule change. Please submit questions in advance through this [form](#). Contact: [Cassie Santo](#)

April 20, 3:00-4:00 [Special Education Rule Changes and Adverse Effect Office Hour](#)

This office hour is intended to support questions related to adverse effect and the special education rule changes. Please submit any questions in advance through this [form](#).

General Monitoring and Supervision

Nothing at this time.

Extended Special Education Team - Updates:

Interagency/Home Study:

Nothing at this time.

Independent Schools

Nothing at this time.

Early Childhood

Nothing at this time.

Data News

Final Verification Reports for School Year 2022-2023 Child Count

Instructions for School Year 2022-2023 are:

- Look for Final Verification Reports in email inboxes. They have been sent to Directors and Child Count submitters from the email address "Andrew McAvoy via DocuSign." The email subject is "Please DocuSign: SU###.pdf." DocuSign is the State of Vermont's current e-signature provider.
 - If your SU/SD has co-directors and you believe the report was sent for signature to the wrong administrator, please [notify the AOE Child Count team](#) and we will resolve it.
- Please look over the data tables to ensure they are accurate and, if satisfied with the accuracy of your SU/SD's data, Directors should e-sign the form in all requested places (bottom of each data page and the final page) **by April 7, 2023**.
- The AOE will receive your signed document immediately.
 - Child Count submitters will not need to transmit signed copies. DocuSign will transmit the document back to AOE. Please *do not* send printed forms by mail or fax.
- Directors and Child Count submitters will also receive an email allowing you to download the signed document. The subject will be "Completed: Please DocuSign: SU###.pdf."
 - Please be sure your SU/SD downloads a copy of the form for your records as soon as it is available. DocuSign is not designed for document storage.

Like the last two years, please *do not* send printed forms by mail or fax. The special education data team at the Vermont Agency of Education works remotely. These documents contain unsuppressed data, and we do not want them unattended at AOE offices.

If you have questions about the signature process or the data being reflected from your SU/SD, please contact [the AOE Child Count team](#) as soon as possible. These forms ensure that the state is reporting accurate data to the U.S. Department of Education on your SU/SD's special education population.

Special Education Finance

Special Education Finance:

- FY23 IDEA grant amendments due in the GMS system by April 15, 2023
- Cumulative worksheets A and B are due April 15 for state-placed student and extraordinary special education costs reimbursement, respectively. The next payment date for those two reimbursements will be May 15.
 - Per Brad James, who forgot payment dates for these two reimbursements had changed, and subsequently made a late "February 15" payment on March 18, if you have submitted data that was not picked up for the March 18 payment and do not wish to further submit data for the upcoming payment, that will be fine. The subsequent data due date of August 1 will collect any missing data.
- Deploying soon-Excess Cost Test - Supplement to IDEA-B Assurance Package for FY-2023
- Deploying soon-LEAP Assurances Form for FY-2024 to be uploaded into your FY-2024 IDEA grant application

If you have questions, please contact [Jennifer Perry](#)

Assessment

The Alternate Assessment testing window closes on April 28th. Make sure student tests are completed by then. Resources and contact information can be found on the [Alternate Assessment webpage](#).