



Tuscola Illuminate News

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Goal/Standard PDF Changes

The PDF version of the IEP has been updated to specifically print the State Standard that is being targeted. The new version now looks as follows:

Annual Goals and Short-Term Objectives

Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP):

Sally achieved a 100 score on the reading NWEA. This will make it difficult for the student to complete some tasks in the general curriculum at his/her grade level involving reading.

Standard Designation: CCSS.LA.1.RF.1.4.a

Annual Goal: Various methods will be used to assure student understands text (re-read materials, identify main context of the text, complete worksheets to verify content of the text, re-tell the story, draw conclusions from the text as measured by NWEA reading by the end of the IEP.

Standard: Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.

Role(s) Responsible: Designated Case Manager

Short-Term Objectives	Schedules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student will score 110 by the end of reporting period 1 based on the following evaluation procedure; NWEA • The student will score 120 by the end of reporting period 2 based on the following evaluation procedure; NWEA • The student will score 130 by the end of reporting period 3 based on the following evaluation procedure; NWEA • The student will score 140 by the end of reporting period 4 based on the following evaluation procedure; NWEA 	Marking Period

Good Practice:

It is helpful and good practice to provide the parents with more specific activities that you plan to use to achieve the goal. Rather than repeating the baseline and/or target scores, enter detail to further clarify steps used to achieve the goal. The "Modified Goal Description" area gives you the opportunity to outline those specific activities.

For example, "Student will work on multi-digit addition, subtraction, and multiplication and be able to complete 5th grade level assignments."

FAPE Date on the REED Notice

Although we typically think of the FAPE Date in relation to the IEP, the State now also requires a FAPE Date for the REED. This field is located on the bottom of the REED Notice screen.

How were the parents informed of the content of the Reviewed Existing Evaluation Data?
 Method: By Whom:
 Dissenting Report(s) attached Yes Not applicable
 FAPE Date *

A green arrow points to the FAPE Date field.

The appropriate REED FAPE Date that should be used on the REED Notice page is the date that the REED plan was presented (in person) or mailed to the parent(s). So, once it is determined that additional testing is needed or additional testing is not needed, you formally present that plan to the parent.

Of course, if it's an Initial REED, the parent must sign before testing commences. If it is a Reevaluation, we suggest you attempt to get the parent's signature, but it is not required.

New State Assessment Protocols

Recent revisions to the State's IEP guidelines have changed the requirements for the State Assessment section of the IEP. The State no longer requires the name of the specific general education assessment that will be given. The only time you would be required to state the name of your assessment is if you will be giving an alternative assessment (MI-Access, etc.). In addition, changes to the testing cycle have impacted how the subtests populate when you select a grade.

Illuminate is working on updating their software to match this change, but because it is a fairly major upgrade, it will probably not be finalized until the summer. Our guidance at this time is to continue documenting the State Assessment "as is" and to follow up with an Amendment after the adjustments to our software have been made.

Good Practice:

We would suggest that you use the "Other Considerations" screen to document your discussion with parents regarding the need for an Amendment in the future to adjust the State Assessment section of the IEP. You could state something like,

"Discussion was held regarding State Assessments. The parents (and student) are aware that an Amendment will be held in the Fall to update this section to meet new State guidelines."

IEP Year = 364 Days

There has been a clarification by MDE regarding due dates for IEP. An annual IEP must be held every **364** days. This means that if your IEP was published on 5-15-13, you must hold your IEP **and** publish it no later than 5-14-14! This deviates from previous practice. Illuminate is already set up with this 364-day feature.

Our suggestion: Please do not wait until the last minute to hold and/or publish your IEPs.