



**Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services**

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HIGHLANDS**

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**Performance Report for applicable State Performance Plan (SPP)
Indicators as submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs**

The following table includes the applicable SPP indicators, the state targets for Federal Fiscal Year 2023, LEA data, and if the LEA met the target per the United States Code (U.S.C.).

Indicator	Description		Target	LEA Data	Target Met
1. Graduation Rate SY 2022-2023 Survey 5 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	Percentage of students (ages 14 to 21) with IEPs graduating with a regular diploma.		≥ 87.00%	84.26%	No
2. Dropout Rate SY 2022-2023 Survey 5 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	Percentage of students (ages 14 to 21) with IEPs dropping out.		≤ 9.00%	15.74%	No
3. Assessment SY 2023-2024 Survey 5 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	3A. Participation rate for students with IEPs.	Grade 4 ELA/Reading	≥ 95.00%	96.72%	Yes
		Grade 8 ELA/Reading	≥ 95.00%	92.62%	No
		Grade HS ELA/Reading	≥ 95.00%	91.80%	No
		Grade 4 Math	≥ 95.00%	96.72%	Yes
		Grade 8 Math	≥ 95.00%	89.33%	No
		Grade HS Math	≥ 95.00%	93.54%	No
	3B. Proficiency rate for students with IEPs against grade-level academic achievement standards.	Grade 4 ELA/Reading	≥ 26.00%	30.13%	Yes
		Grade 8 ELA/Reading	≥ 21.50%	20.18%	No
		Grade HS ELA/Reading	≥ 20.00%	15.08%	No
		Grade 4 Math	≥ 30.50%	35.90%	Yes
		Grade 8 Math	≥ 26.50%	34.23%	Yes
		Grade HS Math	≥ 18.00%	12.30%	No
	3C. Proficiency rate for students with IEPs against alternate academic achievement standards.	Grade 4 ELA/Reading	≥ 57.00%	47.62%	No
		Grade 8 ELA/Reading	≥ 58.50%	45.83%	No
		Grade HS ELA/Reading	≥ 61.50%	51.35%	No
		Grade 4 Math	≥ 56.50%	47.62%	No
		Grade 8 Math	≥ 62.50%	65.22%	Yes
		Grade HS Math	≥ 63.00%	61.90%	No
	3D. Gap in proficiency rates for students with IEPs and all students against grade level academic achievement standards.	Grade 4 ELA/Reading	≤ 28.00%	23.49%	Yes
		Grade 8 ELA/Reading	≤ 35.00%	29.88%	Yes
		Grade HS ELA/Reading	≤ 34.00%	20.98%	Yes
		Grade 4 Math	≤ 24.00%	23.95%	Yes
		Grade 8 Math	≤ 31.00%	25.51%	Yes
		Grade HS Math	≤ 19.00%	23.20%	No

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4. Suspension and Expulsion SY 2022-2023 Survey 2 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22)	4A. Risk ratio for significant discrepancy in the rates of suspensions and expulsions for students with IEPs compared to students without disabilities.	< 3.00	2.16	Yes
	4B(a). Risk ratio for a significant discrepancy in the rates of suspensions and expulsions of students with IEPs by race or ethnicity for greater than 10 days; and	< 3.00	AI7: - AS7: - BL7: 3.77 HI7: 1.85 MU7: PI7: - WH7: 1.56	No
	4B(b). The FDOE concluded that the policies, procedures, or practices contributed to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.	= 0	0	Yes
5. Educational Environments (LRE) SY 2023-2024 Survey 2 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	5A. Percentage of students 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.	≥ 78.00%	80.43%	Yes
	5B. Percentage of students 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.	≤ 12.90%	16.64%	No
	5C. Percentage of students with IEPs aged 5 who are enrolled in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served in separate schools, residential facilities or homebound/hospital placements.	≤ 2.90%	0.76%	Yes
6. Preschool Environments SY 2023-2024 Survey 2 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	6A. Percentage of students with IEPs aged 3, 4 and aged 5 who are enrolled in a preschool program attending a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program.	≥ 26.30%	34.56%	Yes
	6B. Percentage of students with IEPs aged 3, 4 and aged 5 who are enrolled in a preschool program attending a separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.	≤ 60.82%	63.97%	No
	6C. Percentage of students with IEPs aged 3, 4 and aged 5 who are receiving special education and related services in the home.	≤ 0.37%	0.00%	Yes
7. Preschool Outcomes SY 2023-2024 CHRIS 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A)	7A(1). Of those preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who entered the preschool program below age expectations in positive social-emotional skills, the percentage who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 75.50%	78.57%	Yes
	7A(2). The percentage of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who were functioning within age expectations in positive social-emotional skills by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 75.50%	53.76%	No
	7B(1). Of those preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who entered the preschool program below age expectations in acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, the percentage who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 60.50%	92.31%	Yes
	7B(2). The percentage of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who were functioning within age expectations in acquisition and use of knowledge and skills by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 53.05%	56.99%	Yes
	7C(1). Of those preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who entered the preschool program below age expectations in use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs, the percentage who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 65.00%	73.02%	Yes
	7C(2). The percentage of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who were functioning within age expectations in use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.	≥ 73.45%	67.74%	No

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8. Parent Involvement SY 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A)	Percentage 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.	Pre-K	≥ 82.70%	96.30%	Yes
		K -12	≥ 82.50%	65.80%	No
9. Disproportionate Representation SY 2023-2024 Survey 2 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(C)	Risk ratio with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services, the disproportionality can be attributed to inappropriate identification.		< 3.00	AI7: - AS7: 0.40 BL7: 1.28 HI7: 1.05 MU7: 0.99 PI7: - WH7: 0.84	Yes
	The FDOE concluded that, in one or more cases, inappropriate identification contributed to the disproportionate representation; therefore, the division is not in compliance with requirements relating to the evaluation and/or eligibility under IDEA.		= 0	0	Yes
10. Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disabilities SY 2023-2024 Survey 2 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(C)	Risk ratio with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services, the disproportionality can be attributed to inappropriate identification.	-	< 3.00	-	Yes
		-	< 3.00	-	
	*Only risk ratios ≥3.00 are listed, see the Appendix for a complete list of the eligibility codes. The FDOE concluded that, in one or more cases, inappropriate identification contributed to the disproportionate representation; therefore, the division is not in compliance with requirements relating to the evaluation and/or eligibility under IDEA.		= 0	0	Yes
11. Child Find SY 2023-2024 Child Find State Survey 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(B)	Percentage of students referred with parental consent who were evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation.		= 100%	96.21%	No
12. Early Childhood Transition SY 2023-2024 CHRIS 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(B)	Percentage of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.		= 100%	100.00%	Yes
13. Secondary Transition SY 2023-2024 T16 Protocol 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(B)	Percentage of students 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 service's needs.		= 100%	100.00%	Yes
14. Post-School Outcomes SY 2022-2023 FETPIP 20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(B)	14A. Percentage of students 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.		≥ 27.30%	30.30%	Yes
	14B. Percentage of students 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.		≥ 55.10%	69.70%	Yes
	14C. Percentage of students 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 within one year of leaving high school.		≥ 59.50%	74.75%	Yes

Appendix

Indicator 10 Table

	AI7	AS7	BL7	HI7	MU7	PI7	WH7
C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	-	-	0.73	0.67	-	-	1.63
G	-	-	1.86	1.49	-	-	0.42
H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K	-	-	1.41	1.10	-	-	0.76
O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	-	-	-	1.18	-	-	1.03
S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T	-	-	-	1.17	-	-	0.79
V	-	-	1.43	0.85	-	-	0.93
W	-	-	1.23	1.30	-	-	0.68

Race/Ethnicity

- AI7 = American Indian or Alaska Native
- AS7 = Asian
- BL7 = Black or African American
- HI7 = Hispanic/Latino
- MU7 = Two or More Races
- PI7 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- WH7 = White

Exceptionalities (exceptionality codes are aligned with Florida State Data Element Number [118575](#))

- C = Orthopedically Impaired
- F = Speech Impaired
- G = Language Impaired
- H = Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- I = Visually Impaired
- J = Emotional/Behavioral Disability
- K = Specific Learning Disability
- O = Dual-Sensory Impaired
- P = Autism Spectrum Disorder
- S = Traumatic Brain Injured
- T = Developmentally Delayed
- V = Other Health Impaired
- W = Intellectual Disability

Footnote:

A dash (-) indicates no students, the number of students does not meet minimum n-size, or does not meet minimum cell size.